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## BURTON ARAB RETURNS



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## STEVENSONS OF SPATH

Featured in this issue is a Burton-on-Trent Guy Arab III in preservation now for some years but today enjoying a new lease of life with Roger Burdett. New in 1950, it was rebodied in 1960 and finally withdrawn in 1971, three years prior to Burton becoming East Staffs as a result of local government reorganisation in 1974. A little over a decade later, the local authority merged its operations with local independent Stevensons.

Stevensons was established in 1926, developing a network of routes linking Burton

with Uttoxeter. The operator became well known for its varied fleet of secondhand purchases, which at one time included a number of former London Transport RTLs and RTWs.

The 1985 merger with East Staffs, widely acknowledged as the first privatisation of a municipal operator, heralded continued expansion by Stevensons, the operator becoming a significant force across the Midlands. In 1994, Stevensons, at the time the UK's largest independent operator with 270 buses, was



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### 2019 Rally Dates

We have decided to cut back on our Rally Dates this year.

Below is a list of our events we are attending so far but it is subject to change.

Any local Open Days announced we shall try our best to attend and will be listed here.



## RALLY DATES FOR 2019 SEASON

Mar 23/24th Manchester Transport Museum	Jun 16th Transport Museum Wythall (Fathers Day Event)
Apr 7th Brooklands Museum	Jul 21st Alton, Hampshire
April 21/22nd Transport Museum Wythall (Easter)	Aug 17/18th Lathalmond Bus Museum Weekend
May 5/6th Transport Museum Wythall (May Holiday)	Aug 25/26th Transport Museum Wythall
May 26/27th Transport Museum Wythall (Whitsun Holiday)	Sep 22nd Swansea Bus Museum

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# The future – a different perspective

As time goes by the age profile of our readership grows ever older. Sadly the Grim Reaper is waiting to collect everyone's fare for their final journey, and his bus has been very full lately. The number of new readers comes nowhere near replacing those who have left on their last bus and we are finding it harder and harder to maintain the quality with which we have become synonymous. However, readers and contributors alike are keen to see quality maintained.

This is a difficult issue to address, in many ways similar to the age-old problem of what to do when there are insufficient preservationists to restore and maintain the preserved fleet. The point to which we are all travelling is the same, and potential answers to the latter are frequently mooted, but no-one is comfortable that there is a long-term solution in any shape or form, but what of the former?

Are you the only enthusiast reading this copy of *B&CP*? Some of you we know share copies, and if you are one such reader stop and think for a moment. If you were to contribute £4.80 to us by buying your own copy, then not only are you helping to ensure that *B&CP* remains available in the medium to long-term to you, but also to the thousands of other readers who eagerly await the arrival of the next issue.

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also yourself, as currently new subscribers get two free issues in their first year. More special offers are on the way too, but it's action now that we need. Something to think about as you look through this issue.

On a completely different note, thanks to all those who spotted our deliberate mistake last month! A two-axle Bedford VAL? Whatever next? A misfiled picture and a misplaced judgement of my own infallibility led to us including a Ford R226 in a round-up of Bedford VALs. The Ford in question is Duple Viceroy-bodied VXD 600G which was new in 1969 to Travel House of Luton. Our picture shows it with Tally Ho. But we are not the only perpetuator in this crime. Every picture that we use is checked against the excellent website 'Bus Lists on the Web', but there, in a rare error, the coach was listed as VXD 609G, hence our remark: 'We have been unable to trace an original owner'. BlotW has now corrected the mistake, and hopefully so have we!

But we are not alone! Watching a re-run of an early episode of 'Bergerac' on the 'box' the other night (how sad), I observed an HS Trident in full flight bound for Jersey. The plane had, however, upon landing, metamorphosed into a BAC 1-11 having shed an engine over the English Channel without crashing. Miraculous! What is more, repairs seem to have been carried out mid-flight, as you really could not see the join!





## ETCS 50th Anniversary Event

The Eastern Transport Collection Society (ETCS) will be holding its 50th anniversary celebration event at the East Anglia Transport Museum, Carlton Colville, over the weekend of 6/7 July 2019 between 11.00 and 17.00.

The ETCS seek attendance of visiting vehicles from Eastern Counties and other local operator fleets plus Eastern Coach Works-bodied buses and coaches from other parts of the country not normally seen in East Anglia. Other buses and

coaches will also be welcome to attend.

There will be a free park & ride service and free buses to Beccles and Lowestoft as well as the popular BBQ in the park. These will be augmented by trade stands and the Museum's exhibits to make an interesting weekend for vehicle enthusiasts.

The ETCS may be contacted through its Facebook page: [facebook.com/EasternTransportCollectionSociety](https://facebook.com/EasternTransportCollectionSociety) for further information.

Report and picture: DAVID JUKES



## Italian Job VAL

A Duple Midland (Willowbrook) bus-bodied Bedford VAL14 has recently been advertised for hire on social media with the number plates ALR 453B from the famous 'Italian Job' VAL used in the film although that coach had a Harrington Legionnaire body and was scrapped a long time ago.

The bus is actually FYG 663J, which started life with Wigmore of Dinnington before being transformed into an Italian Job look-a-like by Anthony Barrett of Willenhall in 2017 and later that year taking part in the 'Screwball Rally' to Turin. Report: JOHN WAKEFIELD



Picture: JOHN WAKEFIELD COLLECTION

## West Riding Omnibus Museum Anniversary

The West Riding Omnibus Museum Trust has announced a special event to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the opening of its Dewsbury museum building. The event is scheduled to take place at the Redbeck Café & Motel, Wakefield on Sunday 30 June 2019.

Resident Museum buses will be back where it all started 30 years ago with up to 20 buses should be in service. Activities will be running between 10.00 and 16.30 and will include a large selection of visiting buses and trade stalls. Visitors are invited to try the famous Redbeck Café food. Besides a full day of free bus services and tours there will be a free shuttle service from Wakefield Northgate to the Motel which is located in Doncaster Road (A638), Crofton, Wakefield WF4 1RR.

Admission to the rally site will be by programme, £3 per adult with accompanied children free. An advance copy of the programme will be available for £4 by sending a cheque payable to West Riding Omnibus Museum Trust to 47E Dale Street, Ossett WF5 9HE. Visiting vehicles are welcome and free feeder services are expected to operate from Accrington, Bradford, Castleford, Dewsbury, Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley, Leeds, Pontefract Todmorden and Wakefield. For details visit: [www.dewsburybusmuseum.org](http://www.dewsburybusmuseum.org) or the official Facebook page for details of the feeder services. To book a vehicle for static display or free services call 01924 265528.

## Deebles SB scrapped

OTT 253G, a Bedford SB5/Plaxton Panorama new in 1969 to Trathen of Yelverton and later passing to Tomlinsons, Dawlish in 1971 has been broken up for scrap. Its last operator was A. J. Deeble, t/a Darley Ford Coach Travel, Darley Ford, Cornwall, where it was withdrawn in 1984. It remained in the yard until November 2018. Report: JOHN WAKEFIELD  
Picture: IAN CORDES





# Manchester Museum's Great Christmas Shunt

The time between Christmas and New Year is normally devoted to devouring mince pies and DVD box sets, but volunteers at the Museum of Transport Greater Manchester spent their shifting buses.

'The Great Christmas Shunt' was planned to enable buses to be moved for attention in advance of their 2019 programme of events, with a long menu from MOT Class 5 preparatory work to the start of restoration programmes. Some 35 buses were moved in one day, mostly under their own power, in a ten-hour stint that saw some rare and interesting sights.

Amongst the rarest was the movement of the Museum's two trolleybuses from the upper to the lower exhibition hall. Both have been cosmetically restored but couldn't move under their own power, so a combination of hand-pushing and the Museum's AEC Matador tow wagon saw the pair safely in their new display slots.

Both trolleybuses are rare Crossleys. Manchester 1250 is a six-wheel Crossley 'Dominion' and Ashton 80 is a four-wheel Crossley 'Empire', both featuring Crossley's own bodywork with the characteristic Manchester-style 'droopy' front windows and raised rear windows.

The photographs show Manchester 1250, the six-wheel Crossley 'Dominion' trolleybus, being carefully led down Boyle Street by the Museum's AEC Matador. This is itself a museum piece, being formerly the breakdown lorry of much-missed independent Lancashire United Transport and another of the beneficiaries

of the 'Christmas shunt,' the unique double deck Atkinson, SHMD 70, which was released from display to receive some body repairs and MOT Class 5 test. It's scheduled to be available later this year for the Museum's 'Transpo 50' event in October including use on free bus rides. Report and pictures: PAUL WILLIAMS





## Essex Coachways VAL for sale

DJH 747G, a Bedford VAL70 with Plaxton Panorama coachwork, new to Essex Coachways, London E15 in April 1969 was being advertised for sale in January on eBay.

It passed to the Ward Freeman School in Buntingford in July 1981 and then to

local farmer Derek Charles of nearby Cotteder who converted it to a horsebox. It has remained with Mr Charles but latterly has been converted to a motor home. The asking price is £6,500.

Report: JOHN WAKEFIELD

Picture: CHARLES FAMILY



## Vehicles on the move in Essex

A Bedford SB3/Duple Vega, 243 CUR, new to Premier of Watford in 1958 which later passed to 30th Bournemouth Guides before becoming a 'hippy' caravan has recently been sold to a new owner in the Ely, Cambridgeshire area who plans to restore it as a motor home. It had previously been with Jon Brenson of Little Waltham, Essex who acquired it in 2013 to save it from being scrapped.

Jon is now downsizing his projects and also has for sale an ECW-bodied Bristol VRT, XHK 234X which was Eastern National's very last new Bristol VRT. Interested parties should contact Jon on 07747 600289

Jon has acquired CDL 551C, a Bedford SB3/Duple Bella Vega new to Pauls Tours, Ryde, Isle of Wight. It joins another former Isle of Wight Bedford owned by Jon, a 1957 SBG/Duple ODL 399, which was new to Moss Motor Tours of Sandown.

Report: JOHN WAKEFIELD



## Bedford Bus & Coach Day

Lodge Coaches of High Easter, Essex is running a 'Bedford Coach Day' on Sunday 8 September 2019 in its yard at The Garage, High Easter, CM1 4QR.

The event, which will be open to all Bedford coach and bus types including the WTB, OB, SB, J2, VAS, VAL, VAM and Y types will be open between 10.00 and 17.00. Lodges own Bedford heritage fleet

is expected to be giving rides. In view of the limited space available vehicles need to be pre-booked with Lodge Coaches, (Telephone: 01245 231262) or e-mail: administrator@lodgecoaches.co.uk

The event which will also include classic cars is being linked by classic buses to the Epping and Ongar Railway's 'London's 60's Scene' event taking place on the same day.





## PJK gains new owner

LPY 721W, a Bedford PJK/Duple Dominant was new to OK Motor Services, Bishop Auckland in May 1981, before passing to Lymer (Victoria Tours) Tean, Staffs, and later to Maple Motors, Rugeley, Staffs in June 1986. In May 1996, it was sold in February by its preservation owner Simon Moore, of Rollesby, Norfolk who has owned it since 2003.

The Bedford has been acquired by Auchinleck coach operator James Liddle who has a passion for the Bedford VAS/PJK, where it will join four others in his private collection, Plaxton-bodied PSD 281H, PRE 205S, DWU 37T and Duple-bodied PEF 6X.

Report: JOHN WAKEFIELD

Picture: DAVID BEARDMORE



## John Smith of Dalton ceases trading

Family-owned bus and coach company John Smith of Dalton near Thirsk went into administration on 17 January 2019 after 84 years of trading, making 25 staff redundant. The company was started in 1935 by John Smith and Percy Adams. A fiercely competitive market and increasing regulatory pressures have been given for the closure. The company has instructed Mike Jenkins and David Broadbent of Begbies Traynor to act as liquidators, a creditors meeting was due to be held on 13 February to formally start the liquidation process. At the time of closure Smiths had a fleet of 20 buses and coaches including a preserved Plaxton-bodied Leyland PSI/1 DPY 335 new to the company in March 1947.

Report: JOHN WAKEFIELD

Picture: DAVID BEARDMORE



## Blackpool & Fleetwood 'Box' 40 heading for the Great North Steam Fair at Beamish

The National Tramway Museum has announced that its Blackpool & Fleetwood 'Box' 40 tramcar will be heading to Beamish Museum for its Great North Steam Fair in April and will then stay for an extended holiday until the end of August, before returning to the National Tramway Museum, in time for the Crich 60th Anniversary event in September.

One of the oldest operational electric tramcars in the National Collection, Blackpool & Fleetwood 'Box' 40 was originally built for the Blackpool & Fleetwood Tramroad Co in 1914. At this time, it was not uncommon for operators to alternate between 'open' tramcars for the summer season and 'closed' saloon-type tramcars in the winter. Box 40 is an example of a 'closed' saloon tramcar which for many years performed this seasonal double act with 'open' toast rack style tramcars such as the Museum's own Blackpool & Fleetwood 'Rack' 2. Box 40 had an active passenger service life in Blackpool through until 1936, when it was finally withdrawn due to the introduction of more modern tramcars and was converted to a works vehicle. The tramcar was eventually donated to the Tramway Museum Society and arrived at the Museum in Crich in October 1963.

Curiously whilst being an early arrival at the National Tramway Museum, and one of the first electric tramcars to carry passengers at the Museum in 1964, the tramcar has only operated for a handful



of years on the Museum's mile-long tramway. The tramcar has spent a lot of its preserved life out on loan to both Heaton Park Tramway and Blackpool Transport Services. The tramcar made a brief return home to the National Collection in 2014, when it was included in a celebration not only for the tramcar's 100th birthday, but also the special record of 50 years of electric tramcar operation at the Museum, with the Electric 50 event.

Plans are in progress to move the tramcar to Beamish at the beginning of March, in order to provide time to re-commission the tramcar after its road journey and familiarise Beamish's team of engineers and drivers with how the tramcar works.

Report and pictures: NATIONAL TRAMWAY MUSEUM





# Manchester Transpo 50



Manchester's Museum of Transport is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Passenger Transport Executives at a special event in October and is appealing for preserved buses from all PTEs to attend.

The initial batch of PTEs was created under the Transport Act 1968, with West Midlands, Tyneside, Merseyside and SELNEC (South East Lancashire, North East Cheshire) launching between 1 September 1969 and 1 January 1970. Then with local government reorganisation in

1974 West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and Greater Glasgow were added to the ranks. Then more local reshuffling and bus deregulation killed them off as the Executives' bus operations were sold and split up in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

The Museum is unaware of any line-up that has had a bus from every PTE in it, so the aim is to bring together this unique sight for the first time ever.

'Our aim is two days of unique sights,' said Museum spokesman Paul Williams. 'On Saturday 19 October we're planning

a cavalcade with one bus from each of the constituents that made up SELNEC Passenger Transport Executive; then on Sunday 20 October we want to gather together buses from all the PTE operators for a special celebration of their heyday.'

More information is on the Museum's website [www.motgm.uk](http://www.motgm.uk); owners of preserved buses carrying a PTE livery can enquire about bringing their bus by mailing [email@gmts.co.uk](mailto:email@gmts.co.uk).

The photos show: (1) 1970s or 1919? The Museum of Transport Greater Manchester is aiming to recreate the transport of the 1970s (but not the dress sense) using preserved beauties such as SELNEC 6809, an East Lancs-bodies Leyland Atlantean owned by the Bolton Bus Group; and the Museum's own EX30, the very first Leyland National off the Lillyhall production line and (2) the PTEs all had strong corporate identities, perhaps forerunners of today's big groups, but they were local and somehow they seemed to have more style. The Museum's cameraman captured visiting 8151, a 1978 Leyland Atlantean, and its own Leyland Olympian 3065, showing two versions of Manchester's orange livery.



## Reo Speedwagon MR 3879

A 1925 Reo Speedwagon with 14-seat bodywork is now enjoying an active life with the Searle family of Horsham, West Sussex.

Steam engine enthusiasts Les Searle and his wife Dee bought the Reo, MR 3879, from Brightwells auction in Leominster in September 2017 for £9,250.

MR 3879 was new to Harrington of Fordingbridge in 1925, later passing into preservation with Hirst of Littleborough and Elder of Enstone before being acquired c2002 by the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley, where it was used to give rides around the site.

Report: JOHN WAKEFIELD Picture: KEVIN QUICK





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# Real Ale GUY

*PHILIP LAMB is privileged to a preview of a Burton Guy Arab III returning to the road this season.*

Privately-owned horsetrams first ran in the brewing town of Burton in 1879, but the local authority was insistent that it controlled the provision of public transport in the town, so the year 1903 saw the introduction of a fleet of 20 electric trams. In addition the Midland Railway operated electric trams in the area running in part on the corporation's lines.

## FIRST MOTORBUSES

Burton-on-Trent Corporation bought its first motorbuses, single-deckers, in 1924. These were Guys, the undertaking continuing to favour the make almost exclusively until 1961. Four further tramcars also joined the fleet in 1924, five years prior to the system closing in 1929.

Meanwhile in 1934, the undertaking experimented with diesel-engined buses when demonstrators from AEC, Leyland, Crossley and Guy were tried.

This resulted in orders for an AEC and a Leyland chassis, along with two Guy Arab chassis, all single-deck. The subsequent performance of the diesel engines showed a marked improvement in economy over the petrol-engined buses so, in 1935, 11 petrol-engined Guys were withdrawn, and replaced by ten Guy Arabs with Brush saloon bodywork, which entered service the same year. The following year more petrol-engined vehicles were replaced and a further nine Arab saloons arrived.

Burton received its first double-deck vehicles, two Arabs with Weymann utility bodywork. Eight more were delivered in 1944 and with the double-deck vehicles proving to be more popular than the single-deckers, which were becoming heavily overcrowded, a single Daimler CWA6 with Duple bodywork was added to the fleet in 1945, along with three more Guy Arabs.

## REBUILDING PROGRAMME

The utility buses had been built using poor quality timber and were soon deteriorating. Some were rebuilt by the corporation itself whilst others went to Merthyr Tydfil-based bodybuilder D. J. Davies, which had bodied a batch of Guy Arabs delivered in 1950. However, these bodies themselves were found to have deteriorated after just ten years service and three Nos 15/6/8) were rebodied, this time by Massey, Burton's favoured bodybuilder between 1959 and 1968, in 1960.

In 1962, a switch to the Daimler CSG5, which in the name of standardisation used the same drivetrain as the numerous Arabs in the fleet, was made. Daimlers

**An exposed-radiator Guy with Massey bodywork was an unusual combination. This Burton Arab III is therefore a rare survivor.** Pictures: PHILIP LAMB





held sway until the municipality became East Staffs District Council in 1974, one notable exception being the purchase of four Leyland saloons from Bournemouth in 1971. The Daimler Fleetline continued in favour until a switch to the Dennis Dominator was made.

### BURTON 16

A small number of buses delivered new to Burton remain in preservation today, amongst them Massey-bodied Guy Arab III No 16 (FA 9716) New in 1950, the Arab as previously noted originally carried a Davies body receiving its sturdy new Massey body in 1960.

The vehicle was rescued from scrapping by a group of Burton-on-Trent area enthusiasts. It had no seats, the Group being fortunate enough to source a set of municipal-style curved-rail seats to fit out the downstairs, the upstairs

receiving straight-rail BET-style seats. This unusually makes the seats different on each deck. The group carried out sufficient work to return the vehicle to the road in presentable condition avoiding a thorough 'bottom-up' restoration. The bus was completed around 2000 and rallied for several years until the engine failed.

As a result, No 16 stood in a barn until Roger Burdett succeeded in making contact with the lead member of the Group. Roger subsequently purchased the bus.

### A SECOND REBUILD

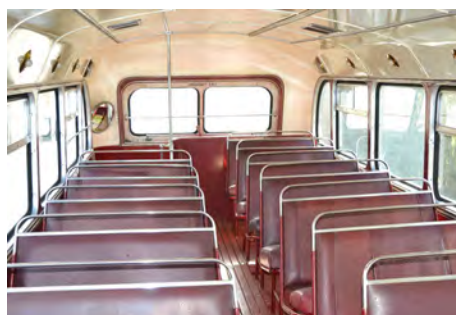
The engine had snapped a timing chain causing significant upper-end damage. Says Roger: 'We had a Genset but unfortunately that also required rebuilding, so we sourced five new oversize Gardner LW pistons and bored the block to suit'.

Above: **Period advertising sets the finished result off to a tee.**

Below, left and centre: **Upper and lower-deck views show the differing seats on each deck. The Massey bodywork is strong, sturdy and well-built if somewhat Spartan.**

Below right: **No doubt as to who made it!**

Both rear brake drums were cracked through and had had steel liners shrink-fitted, a practice which is not allowed today. The steel liners had also corroded and broken away rendering the drums useless. Replacements came from Steve Lyne at Newark from a Guy vehicle he was breaking. No one else seems to have any and the only alternative would have been to make a batch. The rest of the braking system needed overhauling and reconditioning in its entirety. This meant fitting new brake pipes; overhauling the







master and slave cylinders, and the total renewal of fluids.

The vehicle needed re-wiring throughout. The nearside front wing was found to be cracked and contain nearly 20kg of filler, which was removed and the wing rebuilt. Window rubber was completely replaced as it was worn out. The dynamo and control box needed reconditioning and rebuilding. All the mechanical work was carried out by Andy Russon and his brother Dave at Uttoxeter.

Prior to a total repaint, the vehicle was partially re-panelled where necessary. Preparation for painting was carried out at Reliance Bus Works, the paint being applied by Salts of Stoke-on-Trent, paint specifications being supplied by Burton Guru Gerald Anthony.

A welcome addition frequently overlooked is the application of sign-written adverts suitable for the Burton area by Steve Evans of Aldridge.

It is planned to carry out enhancements to the interior on a rolling basis through 2019, your first opportunity to see this splendid vehicle will be at the Leicester Historic Transport Trust's event at Quorn on Saturday 27 April.

Our thanks to Roger Burdett for his invaluable help with this feature.

Above and below: **The no-nonsense Massey bodywork, much favoured by municipal operators is easily recognisable by its gently raked front and tidy appearance.**





# Burton remembered

*This month we visit Burton-upon-Trent when Daimlers and Guys were the order of the day.*



Today, Burton 70 (HGC 130) is probably the best known utility bus. A Park Royal-bodied Guy Arab II 5LW, it is currently preserved in original condition at the London Bus Museum as London Transport G351. New in 1945, it migrated along with five others to Burton in 1953. Following reconditioning by Roe, No 70 saw 14 years service prior to withdrawal in 1967. OMNICOLOUR

First new purchases after World War 2 were Guy Arabs, but in 1962 a switch was made to Daimler, firstly CSG5s and then CCG5s all with Massey bodies. A total of 24 were delivered over the next six years, the type becoming the backbone of the fleet. Eighteen passed to the newly formed East Staffordshire District Council upon its formation on 1 April 1974. 1964-built No 88 (BFA 588B) was not amongst them.







The Daimlers were delivered in threes and fours in one or two batches each year. No 96 (GFA 96D) was new in 1966.



Numerically the last of the Massey-bodied Daimlers was No 102 (JFA 602F).



With the trend nationally towards high-capacity single-deckers, Burton next took delivery of three Willowbrook-bodied Daimler Fleetlines SRG6LXs, but in 1970 three Northern Counties Daimler Fleetline CRG6LXs heralded a swift return to the double-decker. Seen here is No 108 (RFA 408J).



Following the acquisition of four secondhand single-deckers from Bournemouth, a break with tradition was, in 1973, made with the delivery of no fewer than 12 Daimler Fleetline CRG6LXs with Willowbrook 'Nottingham-style' bodywork', including No 20 (NFA 20M), allowing the withdrawal of the remaining Guy Arab IVs.



1980-built No 32 (LBF 232V) was one of 12 East Lancs-bodied Dennis Dominators taken into stock between 1978 and 1981. Three Leyland Atlanteans were also received, but the Dominator clearly won the day. No 32 was later sold to Thamesdown as a result of the merger of East Staffs with Stevenson's Bus Service in 1981.





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DAVID JUKES once again delves into the B&CP archive to present this month's round up.

#### JULY CONTRASTS

(1) Basking in the summer sunshine at Bournemouth's Kings Park on 7 July is former Devon General DL925 (MSJ 499, originally 925 GTA) *Admiral Blake*, a 1961 convertible open-top Metro-Cammell-bodied Leyland Atlantean PDRI/1. (2) Enjoying similar weather at Capel-le-Ferne after offloading its passengers at the Battle of Britain Memorial Museum on 14 July, is former Southend 314 (PHJ 953), a 1958 Massey-bodied Leyland Titan PD3/6 owned by Classic Omnibus of Folkestone and based at the Dover Transport Museum. (3) By way of contrast, the month's final Sunday proved to be very wet and windy on the south coast – former London Transport Routemaster RML2600 (GFX 470D, originally NML 600E) approaches the Worthing seafront rally site on 29 July. Pictures: DAVID JUKES (1 & 3) / MARTYN HUNT (2)





#### LOW-FLOOR MISCELLANY

(1) Heading along Colchester's Osborne Street on 13 August is Hedingham 579 (W526 WGH), a 2000 Plaxton President-bodied Volvo B7TL new to London General as its PVL126. (2) Seen outside Preston bus station just two days later is Stagecoach Merseyside driver-trainer 28541 (X271 USH), a 2001 Wright Axxess Floline-bodied Scania L94UB new to First Manchester as its No 155 and acquired by its current owner from First Chester & The Wirral in 2013. Pictures: DAVID MITCHELL (1) / CHRIS NEWTON (2)







#### OLYMPIAN ROUNDUP

Leaving Leighton Buzzard's High Street on 6 April 2018 is Red Kite Commercial Services of Tilsworth M223 SVN, a 1995 Northern Counties Palatine-bodied Volvo Olympian new to Cleveland Transit as its No 223. Laying over at Horsham railway station on 28 May is Southern Transit of Upper Beeding NV170 (R370 LGH), a 1997 Northern Counties Palatine 2-bodied Volvo Olympian new to London General and later modified to convertible open-top layout for its commercial services fleet. Preserved EEH 902Y, a 1983 Eastern Coach Works-bodied Leyland Olympian new to Midland Red (North) as its No 1902, is seen in Rugeley on 5 August returning from a Tamworth-based running day. Pictures: CHRIS MARTIN







#### READING FUN DAY

Last year marked the 50th anniversary of the Reading trolleybus system's closure; the British Trolleybus Society parking the town's last trolleybus, 1949 Park Royal-bodied BUT 9611T No 144 (DRD 130), outside Reading Town Hall on 3 November as part of a Reading Museum-organised family fun day. Operating tours of former trolleybus routes was former Reading No 3 (MRD 146), a 1957 lowbridge Park Royal-bodied AEC Regent III.

Picture: DAVID JUKES



#### AND FINALLY...

Leaving the Trickfest North West event, which was held at the Cheshire Showground on 16 September is Bars@Yours P21 GNA, a 1996 Northern Counties-bodied Volvo B6-50 new to the Greater Manchester Fire Service as a ten-seater major incident unit and now a mobile bar.

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# BEDFORD'S

## SPECIAL JOURNEY

*A preserved 1981 Bedford YMT made a surprise 200-mile journey back to the depot where it was based for 35 years to perform a very special duty. NICK LARKIN reports.*

Time waits for no man, woman — or even a Bedford coach. Can it truly and honestly be 2019? Have I really just had a slightly disturbing discussion about plans to celebrate the Austin Metro's 40th birthday next year? A Bristol RE in my possession, LEF 60H, will be 50.

### FLASHBACK 1981

So, March 1981 was a long time ago, but a significant occasion for celebrated Lincolnshire operator, W. H. Fowler. In that year, two new coaches were delivered, with consecutive registrations — JDO 241W and JDO 242W — purchased with the help of a facility that will still evoke nostalgic memories for many operators, the Bus Grant.

In an effort to update fleets and support the bus and coach industry, the Government paid half the cost of a new vehicle, providing it was to a certain specification, including two-piece express door, front destination box, ticket equipment and reversing lights.

Their Plaxton Supreme IV bodywork gleaming, both coaches looked identical to the untrained eye, but JDO 241W was a Bedford YMT with

Bedford shortly after delivery on a Spalding town service.  
TIM TYRRELL COLLECTION



500cu in 160bhp Bedford diesel engine, and Eaton five-speed gearbox with overdrive top.

Fowler's managing director Andrew Fowler remembers going with his uncle Barry to collect the Bedford. 'I was 14 at the time and really enjoyed the train ride to Scarborough to collect the coach, as well as travelling back in it,' he recalls.

JDO 242W was a Ford R1114, which only served

Fowler's for 3½ years before being sold. 'It was non-standard in the fleet and a bit of an oddball. We only got it because we couldn't get another Bedford and as far as we were concerned the Ford didn't really do the job,' Andrew remembers. The

Bedford would remain with Fowler's for an incredible 35 years, being available for use most of them.



1980 Bedford YMT back at its 'home' depot of 35 years for a very special duty. NICK LARKIN





Top: **Bedford prepared for its special duty — attending the funeral of former driver Ray Holland.** TIM TYRRELL

Inset: **The late Ray Holland, left, with fellow Fowlers' driver Bernard Youngs.** W. H. FOWLER COLLECTION

Bottom, left to right: **Interior original and sheer 1980's nostalgia.** NICK LARKIN

**Cab is well designed and equipped for an early 1980's vehicle.** NICK LARKIN

**The Bedford's new engine and gearbox.** TIM TYRRELL

of five prime ministers and the rise of mobile phones and the worldwide web.

It was the first vehicle Andrew Fowler drove after passing his test. 'It was 1985 and I remember taking some ladies from Thorney, Eye and Newborough to work at the Geest banana factory in Spalding.'

Ray Holland became JDO's regular driver and was clearly very fond of his charge, often taking in on Yorkshire tours as well as local work. He retired from Fowlers in the mid-1990s but still occasionally returned to drive his old coach.

JDO had been treated to some panelwork, a repaint in a more modern livery and some attention to the interior when it was around ten years old. Rubber moulding was removed.

Always kept undercover when not in use the years were kind to the Bedford, which seemed to be determined to stay in the fleet. 'It did get part exchanged for a new Volvo coach at Yeates once, but for some reason it never went,' Andrew reveals.

As the first decade of the Millennium progressed the Bedford was still giving good service despite its now senior status. 'People ask why we never sold it — 35 years is a long time to keep a coach and may be some sort of record,' Andrew wonders.

'To be honest it just kept being a Bedford — always ready and reliable.

## FOWLERS HISTORY

Founded in 1947, the family owned firm had, as well as a fascinating variety of other vehicles, operated just about every type of Bedford, from OBs through to SBs, VAMs and YLQs.

William Fowler had begun his business with a single vehicle, a 1947 Leyland KP3, with Willowbrook bodywork, which was new to Skills of Nottingham but bought from Nightingale (Reliance) of Spalding. This was followed by an unusual purchase a new Mann Egerton-bodied Austin CXB, bought in 1949, and the first Bedford OB/ Duple Vista-bodied ENT 102, new in 1948, came in March 1950 from Griffiths of West Bromwich.

The company rapidly expanded in the 1950s, taking on service work, but then came a major development in 1963 when the business of Towler, based at Emneth, was acquired along with six vehicles. This firm is still with us today in resurrected form and independently owned by the

way. Also 'acquired' with the original Towler business was an extremely popular driver, Ray Holland.

## VARIED WORKLOAD

Back to JDO 241W. The Bedford settled down regularly to a varied workload. Andrew's father, John, took the coach to Switzerland, ferried a party to Wembley when a couple of weeks old and, as was required for 'grant' coaches, it was also employed on service work on routes from Wisbech and Gedney Hill to Spalding.

JDO joined a fleet that would have included Marshall-bodied Leyland Leopards, three new to Bolton Leyland PD3A/2s (UBN 913-5) with Metro-Cammell bodywork and numerous Bedfords, some bought new.

It would witness the arrival and demise of Leyland Atlanteans, Tigers and Titans, plus Scania service buses during the reign







Bedford sometimes gets a bad press but we've always had a good service from them. In fact I wish they would still make simple coaches like this nowadays. You could take JDO anywhere.'

He adds: 'We always did everything that needed doing to keep the Bedford in A1 condition but to many drivers it was just an old Bedford and they didn't like taking it out,' says Andrew. 'I often drove it myself though.'

He also recalls: 'On one occasion the mother of a school passenger complained that her daughter was travelling in a coach older than she was. The actual condition of the vehicle didn't seem to matter as far as she was concerned!'

### BEDFORD SOLD

In 2015 the seemingly unthinkable happened. Andrew accepted an offer from Norfolk Coachways for the Bedford. 'They really wanted it, and as we had so many vehicles here I decided to let it go.'

The next year it was taken back in part exchange for another vehicle, and resold to Dan Trent of Dan's Travel, Bury St Edmunds; and then Robert Lamsdale from Worcestershire.

The Bedford is now owned by Tim Tyrrell from Bournemouth.' I've always been a fan of Plaxton bodywork and spotted the coach for sale on Facebook,' he explains.

Andrew says: 'I was very pleased to hear that JDO found a good home, as it could so easily have ended up as a mobile home or something, which would be a shame'.

Since purchase, Tim has had a replacement original-spec engine and gearbox fitted, the coach by now having travelled 850,000 miles. Dan Shears carried out this work. The kingpins have also been replaced. However, the

bodywork remains in good condition and the coach remains extremely presentable.

### SAD NEWS AND A VERY KIND GESTURE

Sadly Ray Holland, the Bedford's former regular driver died in January and his funeral was scheduled for Friday 8 February at Gedney Hill, Lincs.

Says Andrew: 'Everyone here was sad to hear of Ray's passing. Ray was someone you could just leave to get on with any job, whether it was touring abroad or local bus services. He was very popular, everyone knew him and he was always cheerful, You don't get them like Ray anymore.'

Ray's family asked if it might be possible for Andrew to provide a coach to take people to his funeral. 'I was happy to do that obviously, but then they asked if it could be JDO 241W. I had to explain that it was no longer here.'

Andrew is in regular touch with present owner of the coach, Tim. 'I told him about the request and we both agreed that reluctantly it wouldn't be feasible to bring the coach all the way from Bournemouth, whether we went down to get it or he brought it up here.'

The Tuesday before the funeral, Andrew received another phone call from Tim. 'He asked if I'd be around for a phone chat in an hour or so. I said I wasn't doing schools so that would be fine.'

'The next thing the old Bedford rolled back into the yard with Tim at the wheel. He'd driven it the 200 miles from

Above left: **AVW 398F** was, with **WVX 525F** half of a pair of semi-automatic Bristol FLF6Gs bought from Eastern National in December 1982. They were sold in January 1989. W. H. FOWLER COLLECTION

Above: **This 1959 Bedford SBI with Yeates Europa bodywork** was bought in 1969 from Rover Bus, Chesham and lasted until 1972. W. H. FOWLER COLLECTION

Below: **Geoff Mills' Fowlers book** available from Fowlers, Presbus Publishing etc.

Bournemouth. What a lovely thing to do,' said Andrew, 'It restores my faith in human nature.'

Andrew drove the coach to the funeral himself. 'Both the Holland and Fowler families can't thank Tim enough. Ray's family were so pleased to be reunited with the Bedford, which brought back so many memories of going on trips as well as it being his favourite coach.' Said Tim, simply: 'Well, it had to be done!'

Further acquisitions (more on these another time) have led to Tim deciding to offer the Bedford for sale in B&CP. He's looking for £5,000. So might this mean that a certain vehicle maybe returning to its seemingly rightful Lincolnshire roost? 'I am not saying anything,' says Andrew! Anyone seriously interested in the Bedford should phone Tim on 07793 288216.

Many thanks to Andrew Fowler, Tim Tyrrell and Geoff Mills for their help with this feature.





# OLYMPIANS

In the fleet at present is 1993 Leyland Olympian L276 YEY, one of 638 Leyland and Volvo versions of this model delivered to Dublin Bus from 1990/2000. It was originally RH163 in the Dublin fleet and had the Irish registration 93-D-10163.

‘It’s an excellent, reliable vehicle, says Andrew. You just press the start button and off it goes. Not a bad thing when there are Volvo B7s with complex electrics in the fleet.

The Leyland, which has Alexander dual-door bodywork and a Cummins engine, spent its last two years with Dublin Bus as a driver trainer before passing via Ensign to P&O Lloyd of Bagillt in 2008.

‘The Leyland is not preserved as such but we watch what we do with it,’ says Andrew.

Dublin Bus Volvo Olympian 99-D-582, fleet number RV582, which is in the fleet as V320 NAL. Dating from 1999, the bus came via Sharpe’s of Nottingham.

The other Olympians are two former East Yorkshire Northern Counties-bodied examples S624/33 MKH, from a 1998 batch of vehicles registered S622-36 MKH.

‘The Olympians are much more reliable than the Volvo B7s and even more so than the Dennis Trident,’ says Andrew ‘We’ll keep them going for as long as possible.’



The interior of V320 NAL is finished to high standard.



Below: One of two former East Yorkshire Olympians still going strong, 1998 bus S633 MKH retains its previous owner’s livery.





# LIVE ON

One Leyland and three Volvo Olympians are continuing to work indefinitely at W. H. Fowler thanks to its responsibility.

Main picture: **From Dublin to Holbeach Drove!** Leyland Olympians still earning their keep. Looking smart in Fowlers' colours, Dublin Bus 99-D-582, fleet No RV582, now reregistered V320 NAL. Dating from 1999, the bus came via Sharpe's of Nottingham. New to Dublin Bus as RH163, this Leyland Olympian is still giving sterling service in the W. H. Fowler fleet.



Above: Volvo B7s form the bulk of Fowler's double-decker fleet nowadays.



# LION

## Still on track

*JASPER PETTIE continues the restoration story of former W Alexander & Sons P705 (WG 3260), a 1935 Leyland LT5A with 1946 Alexander bodywork, the first part of which appeared in May 2017.*



Restoration work recommenced on my former Alexander Leyland Lion LT5A P705 (WG3260) in 2016 after an interval of several years. One of the first jobs to be tackled was the removal of its front springs which were broken and badly corroded; a new set was manufactured using one of the old springs as a pattern.

### WIRING & MORE

My attention turned to replacing the electrical wiring; this seemed a logical step with the bus still in largely skeletal form giving relatively easy access to parts of the body which would eventually be covered or panelled over. A five-core armoured cable was run along the chassis from beneath the cab to the rear – the five-core enabling flasher units to be incorporated along with tail and brake lights. While, strictly speaking, flashers are not mandatory on a bus of this age, I feel nevertheless some provision needs to be

made for safety's sake as it will eventually be used on public roads. Suitably 'period' fittings were used to house the flashing lights.

Cab wiring on half-cab Alexander bodies of this period tended to be encased in steel tube and P705 was no exception. The existing wiring, being fabric and rubber sheathed, needed to be completely replaced and this proved a relatively straightforward exercise: one end of the new wire attached to the tail end of the old was pulled smartly through and, as modern cabling is much less thick, provision could also be made for the additional connections for the front flasher units.

Alexanders also replaced the standard dash panels on their pre-war Leylands with ones of its own design, made from plyboard and incorporating fuses for the

various circuits. The old one had rotted away, so I set to making a new one with period Bakelite fuses and household-style switches from my stock of such items acquired over the years. I was most ably assisted in all this by Scottish Vintage Bus Museum (SVBM) Chairman, David Heathcote, who is an undoubted expert in electrical matters, and made sure all connections were made correctly!

My previous article mentioned I had managed to acquire as replacements most mechanical items which were missing from the bus except for a brake master cylinder. This is of the 'tank' variety common to the Tiger TS7, Titan TD4 and Lion LT5A but not fitted to any other models so far as I am aware. I had a reconditioned barrel and some, but not all, internal parts.

An Australian friend kindly sent me a detailed description of the rebuild of one fitted to his former Department of Road Transport and Tramways, Sydney, TD4 which was most helpful. But during 2016 the opportunity arose to acquire the remains of a Crosville TS7 which yielded the missing parts and some hydraulic pipework which was also missing from P705.

Some years before this, and in preparation of the eventual restoration of P705 going ahead, I stockpiled a set of seats culled from various sources, similar to the originals which of course had long since been scrapped. Winter was fast approaching, and thus in the confines (and comfort) of a small workshop with adequate heating, the backs were removed and the frames stripped, sanded and repainted.

This task saw me through the worst of the winter weather, and the finished frames were set aside for installation in due course. It seemed logical to also deal with the cab seat at this stage but when the bus became a caravan the batteries were moved to the cab floor and a crude bench seat placed on top for the driver to perch on.





Opposite, top: **W Alexander & Sons P705 (WG 3260), the preserved 1935 Leyland Lion LT5A with 1946 Alexander bodywork, on service in Leven during the late-1940s.**  
GEORGE HEATHCOTE

Opposite, bottom: **The replacement Alexander-pattern dash panel, complete with period Bakelite fuses and household-style switches.** All pictures: JASPER PETTIE

This page, top: **External progress by November 2017.**

Below left: **Interior luggage racks being fitted during December 2017.**

Below right: **Andrew Crockett with Leyland 8.6 engine in 2013.**

A cab seat more or less conforming to the original was obtained, located and secured to the bulkhead, only to be removed again to provide easy access to the cab while restoration proceeded. The old paint had already been stripped off and the opportunity was taken to repaint the cab interior in unrelieved maroon – rather drab, but as per original. New battery boxes were fabricated and located under the front offside seats, again as per original.

Meanwhile the brake master cylinder had been built up using the parts now to hand and, before fitting it to the chassis, it was decided to fit the bands which connect the back brake rods to the operating lever at the master cylinder end. The bands themselves had long since been removed and used on another bus, but I luckily had a set of the correct fork ends, so new spring steel had to be obtained, cut to the correct length then drilled to take the fork ends.

The first two operations were relatively straightforward but, as anyone who has tried to drill through spring steel knows, the last much more of a challenge. Our railway division came to the rescue with



an ultra-low speed rotary pillar drill, an enormous contraption, which, with copious quantities of hardened steel drills and lubricating oil, succeeded in getting the job done, and the bands were duly fitted.

### INTERIOR MOVES

At this point Andrew Crockett, Lathalmond's engineer-par-excellence, came back into the picture. It was decided to repanel the roof interior first, with cut-outs for the lights and wood fillets to secure the light fittings. Then, in no time, Andrew had repanelled the nearside below the windows, fitted vertical and longitudinal mouldings and a neat fairing around the fuel filler.

It was decided to make the interior luggage racks next, along with brackets that are fixed to the ceiling for anchoring the supports. I had six original luggage

rack supports culled from other Alexander bodies of the period, these being plated brass castings, but not enough for the whole job, so Andrew fabricated look-alike alloy ones which, when fitted, are almost indistinguishable from the originals.

Once the racks had been test-fitted in place they were removed and carried down to the paintshop to be painted. The opportunity was also taken to paint the cove panels behind where they would be fixed, in the same maroon as in the cab, all expertly executed by our paintshop supremo, Peter Mitchell.

The rear wheelarches were still intact but the outer edges had long since gone and a search of the stores for replacements proved fruitless (plenty of fronts but no rears). Once again Andrew worked his magic; using large pieces of card he drew a wheelarch profile template using the other







Above: **Interior restoration progress in September 2018.**

Below: **Former Alexander AEC Regal A63 (AWG 650) has donated several body parts for P705's ongoing restoration.**



Above: **P705's engine is installed, and entrance doors fitted.**

Below left: **Window pans being fitted during October 2018.**

Below right: **The saloon's rear around the same time with wheelarches and emergency door in place.**

Alexander-bodied LT5A at Lathalmond, P721, and proceeded to fabricate two wheelarches from scratch.

All this time P705 had stood engineless; its original had long since been removed and fitted to P721 when the latter's engine was proving troublesome. I had not, however, been idle in this respect; owning several pre-war Leylands fitted

with standard 8.6 litre oilers, I had over the years amassed a collection of these units in various conditions as the opportunity arose.

The best of these turned out to be two I purchased from McLennan's when its Spittalfield premises were being cleared out after the mid-1980s Stagecoach takeover. Sold at a scrap price, they turned out to have been completely overhauled by

McLennan's mechanics and unused since; one was a later E166 model unsuitable for my Lion but I'm happy to say now graces former Alexander TD7 R266, thereby solving another troublesome problem.

The second of the two, an earlier model E102 similar to the engine extracted before, would be just the ticket but had already donated its cylinder head to yet





another deserving project. Its crankcase, bearings and cylinder bores were in excellent condition and we set about selecting a good cylinder head from the rest of the stock.

This was duly overhauled by Rab Paterson, a retired engineer who served his apprenticeship with Scottish Omnibuses (SMT) and whose knowledge of engines of this period borders on the encyclopaedic. Rab fitted this and built up a clutch assembly to fit the existing gearbox still in the bus.

The opportunity was also taken to send off the fuel pump and a set of injectors for specialist overhaul. The only clutch disc that fitted the driveshaft on P705 was badly worn and this was also passed to a local firm for refurbishment. The crossmember tube supporting the engine at the front had long since disappeared and Andrew fabricated a new one from scratch.

### BODYWORK CHALLENGES

Panelling the offside of the bus was next to be completed and a wooden frame was made for the driver's step recess to the cab. Meanwhile our painter Peter finished painting the luggage racks and turned his attention to the ceiling, which is finished in plain white, and the cove panels, in maroon. Andrew was then able to install the luggage racks and turn his attention to panelling the roof's outer skin.

Proceeding from the rear, he had reached the final bay at the front when he was confronted with a problem. The original jack-knife doors were removed when the bus was converted to a caravan and replaced by a single outward-opening door; unfortunately the original frame, top track and part of the step had also been removed.

As the fixings for the track would need to be installed before the roof panel over the entrance could be fitted, Andrew decided at this point that it would be as well to go the whole hog and fabricate new entrance doors, framing and step. An extremely lucky find earlier in the year was the remains of former Alexander A63 (AWG 650), an AEC Regal fitted with an Alexander body one year newer than that on P705. This had been stripped of all useful parts including the entrance doors which, although badly rotten, yielded window pans and other bits and pieces and, moreover, were to the exact same dimensions as required for P705.

Thus in no time at all a new set of door frames had been fabricated in seasoned ash to the correct pattern, clad in aluminium and fitted to the bus. While Andrew finished dressing and tidying-up the pillars round the entrance, I installed glazing inside at the entrance and behind the driver's cab; this latter incorporating a sliding communicating window.

Andrew next turned his attention to the emergency door. The original remained extant, but its wooden frame was badly rotted, and he decided to fabricate a new frame using the serviceable bits and pieces from the old one. Luckily I had new coach-style hinges, which take account of the door's curvature, and a fully-functioning door lever mechanism to hand. The driver's cab door was completely missing, and Andrew made a frame from scratch using angle steel; I had a door handle, door catch, new striker plate and new hinges. The window unit from A63's cab door was slightly too deep but with a bit of modification fitted nicely. Progress at this point was impressive.

### BACK INSIDE

Having by and large completed the external restoration of the bus, Andrew once again turned his attention to the interior. Parts of the floor had rotted, but not extensively, and he was able to piece new wood in, including replacing the wood insert in the rear body crossmember. He was most ably

assisted in this task by time-served joiner Brian Johnstone.

They also created window cappings, formed from mahogany battens, and the painstaking job of sanding, staining and varnishing these fell to me. Then it was the turn of Peter M, who set about completing the interior painting, before I was then able to fit the stained and varnished window cappings.

Meanwhile, with all the engine and clutch parts now to hand, these were duly fitted by Rab and the engine installed in the bus. This was a fairly straightforward exercise, but problems were just around the corner.

With oil and fuel added, the engine duly burst into life after a little coaxing but revealed some timing adjustment was necessary. It was then discovered, quite by chance while this was being carried out, the oil pump was not functioning – fortunately at a stage before any serious damage could be done.

I had a spare overhauled pump which was quickly located and fitted by Rab. With everything reassembled, the engine was turned over by hand and the oil was soon circulating. This time the engine was started and almost immediately settled down to an even tick over – with no thumps or bangs evident. With the radiator refitted and the bonnet top and side in place the bus was starting to look almost complete...







# The Voith Influence

*Most Leyland Atlanteans of South Yorkshire's Transport differed from those of other operators as they were fitted with Voith automatic gearboxes. SIMON GILL explains why and examines 1790 (JKW 290W) recently restored to SYT livery.*

South Yorkshire's Transport (SYT) Leyland Atlantean AN68B/1R, 1790 (JKW 290W), is not new to these pages having featured in *Preserved Bus* February 2001 and *B&CP* March 2001. Since then it has undergone further extensive restoration and, following three changes of ownership and a change of livery, it is now the only bus so far restored in SYT colours. It also sounds quite different to normal Atlanteans, being fitted from new with a Voith gearbox.

## GLASGOW VOITH TRIALS

German-based Voith introduced its first Differential-Wandler (DIWA) torque-converter fully-automatic bus transmission in 1951. The driver had a simple electronic controller to select neutral, low, high and reverse positions and it had been fitted

in over 10,000 buses on the continent by 1964. Premises were opened at the former North British Locomotive Company works at Polmadie, Glasgow, in 1962 to target the UK market.

Leyland displayed a Panther PSUR1/1R single-deck chassis fitted with Voith Diwabus 200S fully-automatic transmission at the 1964 Commercial Motor Show; it was later fitted with the first Alexander W body and became Glasgow LS31 (CYS 139B). With the Voith unit proving very reliable and fuel consumption averaging 9.0 mpg, two further Panthers with similar transmission followed in 1966/67 as LS32 (GYS 878D) and LS33 (NUS 834F) respectively.

The first Leyland double-deck bus to be fitted with a Voith automatic gearbox was Western SMT D1682 (RCS 380), a Leyland Titan PD3A/3 with Alexander lowbridge body new in 1961. Its synchromesh gearbox was replaced with Voith Diwabus 200S transmission at the end of 1964 and the bus loaned to Leyland which demonstrated it to several operators, including Brighton and Cardiff

in January 1965, before being converted back to standard later that year.

## A LONGER TRIAL

A longer trial began in November 1966 when Glasgow took delivery of LA322 (GYS 898D), a Leyland Atlantean PDR1/1 with Alexander 78-seat body. It initially made a good impression, was popular with drivers and averaged 8.2 mpg. The Voith unit later proved troublesome and LA322 was parked up in June 1971, remaining out of use until August 1974 when it re-entered service with Greater Glasgow PTE fitted with a conventional semi-automatic gearbox.

In 1967 Leyland launched a fully-automatic version of its Pneumocyclic transmission developed with Self Changing Gears (SCG) of Coventry. Compared to the Voith unit it was cheaper, lighter and did not require any structural changes to the chassis. It also did not use a torque converter with the attendant problems of overheating and strain on the engine cooling system so became Leyland's standard offering.





## SYPTe INFLUENCE

A statement in South Yorkshire PTE's development plan sought to put it at the forefront of vehicle development. It had launched and patented the 'Kneeling National' in 1976, which allowed a Leyland National's front suspension to be lowered, followed by an Atlantean with a split-level front entrance step; both designed to improve safety and allow easier passenger access.

The PTE's engineers were keen to reduce costs and resolve issues with transmission, gearbox and brakes which required relining and overhaul every 10 weeks. At that time much of the fleet had SCG semi-automatic or Leyland Pneumocyclic transmission and even the new G2 automatic gearbox fitted to a recently delivered batch of Atlanteans was proving unreliable and even lethal in icy conditions.

They became aware of the reputation for reliability of the Voith D851 gearbox and built-in retarder, which was being used extensively abroad and reportedly reduced brake wear by 50%, so investigated how this could be fitted into British chassis as it was not possible to retrofit this gearbox into existing buses.

Opposite: **The bright livery now carried by 1790 looks very attractive in bright winter sunshine. The attention to detail shown by adverts, vinyl's and interior signs makes the Atlantean look ready for service.** SIMON GILL

Top row, left to right: **Centre door pillars being altered, and the step area repaired.**

**No 1790 when acquired by Iain in 2017 with lower panels and centre doors removed. All: IAIN BOSTOCK-FRITH**

Centre: **No 1790 was brought out for the SYTT Open Day on 23 July 2017 when it was still in SYPTe livery.** SIMON GILL

Bottom left to right: **The chestnut lining being applied to 1790 by Darren Sentence; and the finishing touches of the new SYT livery being applied.**  
Both: IAIN BOSTOCK-FRITH

## PACESETTER

In late-1976 the PTE took delivery of two Leyland Atlantean AN68A/1R with East Lancs 75-seat bodies, Nos 322/3 (NAK 322/3R), which were a cancelled order diverted from Fishwick of Leyland. Prior to being bodied, the chassis of 323 was taken into the PTE's central works in October

1976 and modified to accommodate the Voith D851 automatic transmission incorporating a differential torque converter and integral hydraulic retarder.

The engineers also had to reposition the radiator, enhance the cooling system, revise the engine power output and make other improvements. Despite





Main picture: **Sheffield Town Hall** forms a distinctive back drop to 1790 at one of the bus stops in Pinstone Street.

Bottom row, left to right:

**Two views of No 1790's lower-deck** with a good circulation area for passengers between the front and centre doors.

**Attention to detail is demonstrated by the array of SYT signage and promotional literature at the front entrance.**

**The driver's cab with all controls easily to hand including the manual retarder lever on the dash panel to the left of the steering wheel.**

**Two views showing the bright interior of 1790's upper deck.**  
All: SIMON GILL











the PTE's willingness to work with all manufacturers, Leyland not only refused to help but withdrew its warranty on the chassis.

No 323 entered service on 26 March 1977 at Herries Road garage in Sheffield. It was an immediate success where, on the City's hilly terrain, the retarder saw brake and brake drum life increase ten-fold, not to mention a 400% improvement in gearbox life. The reduction in costs and improvement in reliability was clear to see. Interestingly, and harking back to 1965, 323 was demonstrated to Brighton Corporation in September 1979.

With the trial a winner, 323 was lent to Leyland Bus for evaluation, which soon offered the Voith gearbox as an option in

the AN68 without any acknowledgement of the PTE's contribution. It is no wonder the PTE switched allegiance to Dennis and MCW for future double-deck orders; maintaining its dual-sourcing policy.

#### JKW 290W

SYPTE ordered 60 Leyland Atlantean AN68B/1R fitted with Voith gearboxes and Willowbrook bodies, to be numbered 1777–1836, for delivery in 1980. Willowbrook was unable to fulfil the order, so it was transferred and split equally between Alexander (1777–1806) and Marshall (1807–1836).

No 1790 (JKW 290W), fitted with an Alexander AL 74-seat dual-door body, was delivered on 13 February 1981 and, along

with 1789, was the first of the batch to enter service five days later at Herries garage. The front end, including the lower panel, was, apart from the Alexander peaked dome, to the standard SYPTE design including a split-level front entrance step.

Shortly after entering service, 1790 was fitted with an experimental 'Spafax' rear view mirror. Wayfarer ticket equipment for one-person operation was installed in February 1986, which remained in place when it was transferred to Halfway garage on deregulation day, 26 October 1986, to meet revised schedules at that depot.

When South Yorkshire's Transport was launched on 4 November 1985, a new standard livery of cameo cream with red below the lower saloon windows, chestnut



Above: **No 1790's SYT livery is set off by original adverts.**

Top left: **The front and centre door areas showing the distinctive split-level front entrance step developed by South Yorkshire PTE to improve access for passengers.**

Top right: **Leyland O.680 engine on the left coupled to the Voith D851 gearbox at lower right.**

Bottom left and right: **Interior adverts include SYT Nightline and a promotional advert for the Transport Festival at East Bank Garage on 2nd August 1986 – were you there? All: SIMON GILL**



skirt, red wheels and red and chestnut lining above the lower deck windows, was introduced; 1790 received this livery in February 1990.

No 1790 was one of 63 buses placed in store at Bootham Lane, Dunscroft, the following October although remained licensed, being used briefly in Rotherham to cover for buses being repainted in Mainline livery. It returned to Dunscroft by mid-November before being withdrawn and stored at Doncaster in January 1991, when it was sold to Rossendale which converted it to single-door layout before entering service as 190 in April 1991.

### EARLY PRESERVATION

The Atlantean was withdrawn by Rossendale in November 1998 and passed to dealer Geoff Ripley of Barnsley from which it was acquired for preservation by James Munro and Ray Ward in January 1999.

As explained in our earlier issues, James and Ray did a lot of restoration at the Transport Museum Wythall including the early reinstatement of its centre doors from similar bus, 1784 (JKW 284W). It was repainted in 'as delivered' SYPTE livery in July 2000 and looked pristine

Below: **Rear nearside view with original advert for the SYT SaverCard. Contrary to comments by some enthusiasts the rear lights were fitted at different heights on the engine bustle – they have been checked to photographs and are not in the wrong place!** SIMON GILL

when we last saw it. It then gained a Class 6 MOT in August 2002 and was used regularly on services at Wythall, also attending the popular rally at Meadowhall, in its home city, on several occasions.

### CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

James and Ray sold 1790 to Gareth Griffiths of Chesterfield in June 2005 who carried out substantial work on the engine and chassis which now look like new. He also began removing the lower saloon panels so further restoration could be undertaken before selling it, via Mick Saunders of Barnsley, to Iain Bostock-Frith in March 2017.

In just 15 months, Iain, assisted at times by volunteers from the South Yorkshire Transport Trust in Rotherham, has transformed the bus into its 1990 SYT condition, which is the period he remembers best, complete with Herries garage code.

### FURTHER RESTORATION

The engine has received new injectors and starter motor, and the fuel coupling, which was slipping, has been repaired. The power steering was not working so a new unit has been fitted.

When acquired by Iain, the lower saloon had been dismantled quite heavily including removal of the centre doors. This was to allow access so the stress panels and pillars could be lengthened, and a new rising panel fitted to increase

strength in that area of the body. A time-consuming job but well worth the effort.

With the panels removed the opportunity was taken to repair the front and rear wheel arches. External panels were refitted once all the structural work had been finished.

The excellent paint finish was achieved by Darren Sentence, with original adverts applied by Neil Hudson. Decals were sourced to provide the finishing touch.

### ON THE ROAD

A trip into Sheffield city centre showed 1790 to be a lively performer; confirming how popular these Atlanteans were with drivers. The Voith gearbox provides smooth, effortless gear changes and there is no mistaking when the retarder kicks in, giving very efficient braking. The hand-operated retarder control to the left of the steering wheel is a distinctive and useful feature, especially when descending hills and approaching the numerous traffic lights we experience in cities these days.

1790 is now part of the South Yorkshire Transport Trust's collection at Rotherham where it has proved a popular addition.

Iain would like to thank the SYTT trustees for their help with his latest project, especially Darren Sentence. Also Neil Hudson, Greg Taylor and Colin MacKay for their assistance.

*Our thanks to Iain Bostock-Frith for providing such a fine vehicle for us to enjoy on a cold January day.*





# Doncaster delights



Between 1967 and 1970 your Editor attended Doncaster College of Education. The college itself was situated some 13 miles from the town at High Melton and was served by two Yorkshire Traction routes. With around 500 students accommodated in the town, additional transport was required, the corporation being contracted to provide this. Twice a day a small fleet of double-deckers ferried students often at some speed along a winding country road. Speed it seems sometimes increased when the buses were running empty, as one cold and possibly icy morning a thankfully empty AEC Regent V left the road and landed on its side in a field. It remained there for a day or so awaiting recovery for all, including your Editor to see! He was also familiar with most of the vehicles seen here too, so here goes...

Top left: **New in 1948, No 95 (EDT 704)** was one of six all-Leyland PD2/1s fitted in 1963/64 with 1955-built Roe bodywork previously carried by Sunbeam W trolleybuses, in this case No 397. It is seen here in the town centre. It was withdrawn in 1973. OMNICOLOUR

Top right: **Seen in the original Glasgow Paddocks bus station** awaiting departure for Leicester Avenue is 1955 Roe-bodied AEC Regent V No 143 (TDT 343), one of 30 such machines delivered between 1955 and 1960. No 143 lasted in service until 1972.





Opposite page, centre: Pictured at the Leicester Avenue depot, sister vehicle No 144 (TDT 344) keeps company with the previously seen No 95 (EDT 704).

Opposite page, bottom: Daimlers had been popular at Doncaster during the early postwar period, the make being revisited in 1962 when 18 CVG6s were taken into stock. Six were 30-footers. Amongst the remaining 12 was No 173 (173 GDT) seen here in 1969 adjacent to the town's south bus station heading for Balby. All 12 were fitted from new with 1955-built Roe bodies salvaged from Sunbeam W trolleybuses.



This page, top to bottom: A small number of single-deckers was maintained mainly for use on the Hyde Park service. Seen here in Waterdale in later life is 1963 Roe-bodied Leyland Tiger Cub No 35 (435 MDT). Withdrawn in 1972, No 35 saw later service with the borough's Welfare Department.

Four Roe-bodied Leyland PD3/4s also arrived in 1962 with a further six being taken into stock the following year. Amongst them was Leicester Avenue-bound No 192 (192 NDT) displaying Doncaster's 1970s livery, soon (thankfully) replaced by South Yorkshire's brown and cream.

The first rear-engined double-deckers were a pair of Roe-bodied Daimler Fleetlines taken into stock in 1967. These were followed two years later by a further six which differed from the previous two by being dual-doored. No 215 (YDT 215G) was from this delivery. All: PRESBUS ARCHIVE





# Cab HAPPY

*In the latest instalment of the restoration series **ASHLEY BLACKMAN** discusses cab restoration and how to become cab happy.*

Most of us will spend a not inconsiderable length of time in the cab driving to running days, rallies, events and for our own pleasure, unless you cannot drive your preserved bus or coach. Your cab should be comfortable, clean and cosy in an ideal world, especially for those long drives. With any restoration, I always try to encourage a cab refresh or complete cab restoration as the smallest changes can make a huge difference to the driving experience.

## THE EVOLUTION OF CABS

If we go back to the early days of horse-drawn buses, the driver did not have much of a cab, basically sitting forward of the passengers with a cover as protection from the elements. Move forward a few years to the introduction of the motor bus, the driver then had a cab of some sorts, still open to the elements but having controls to operate instead of reins.

Then came the introduction of beloved half-cab buses and coaches, where you could climb into the cab and swing yourself around into the seat. Cosy and separate from the passengers, drivers were left to get on with the driving. Fast forward to the present day, the driver remains enclosed in a cab, but now must interact with passengers as they board and alight the bus. Coaches tended to be more sociable by enabling passengers to sit next to the driver in some layouts.

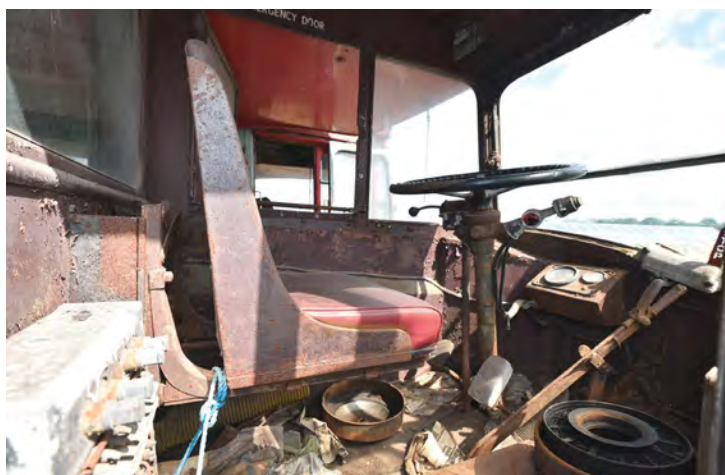
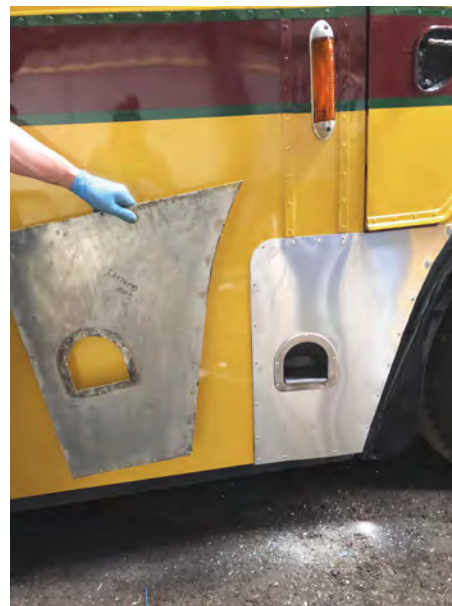
Throughout the years, driver's cabs have become more accessible and easier to operate, up to the introduction of the front-entrance double-decker where the cab was accessed via the passenger entrance. Nowadays we face the growing concern, so it seems, of some not being able to jump in and out of the older half-cabs as easy as they used to, which is a real shame.

The day that happens to me I will be determined to get up to the cab with a ladder! There is a video on YouTube of Alderman John Rafferty, who was the Chairman of the Leeds Transport Commission, climbing into the cab of a Monocontrol Regent V with only one leg, which was quite admirable.

Many operators during the late-1960s converted the bulkhead areas of half-cab buses to mount ticket machines to enable the driver to operate the vehicle on their own. Can you imagine the task of driving and keeping an eye on passengers behind

Above: **Cab view of a Bournemouth Leyland Tiger Cub; note the newly-revived steering wheel.** Pictures: **ASHLEY BLACKMAN & JULIAN HALSTEAD**





you when the exit door is also behind you? It must have been confusing for passengers and quite frustrating for the driver.

There must have been plenty of passengers boarding then sitting waiting for a conductor. There were displays stating the bus was one-man operated, but I doubt passengers gave that a second glance. And it must have become a lonely job very quickly for drivers, who were used to being part of a team, to now become a team of one – of course this is now the norm.

I have done a bit of bus driving in the past, one-man operated and with a conductor. I recall sitting in the cabs of Ex-West Yorkshire PTE Daimler Fleetlines with good vision and everything to hand. My only criticism was you seemed to be sat on the floor looking up at your passengers. I have also driven Routemasters in service; they were great fun with a comfortable cab and a handbrake lever on the left so you weren't straddling it when you climbed in.

## HOW TO GET YOUR CAB PRISTINE

Start by considering what your budget allows; can you afford to completely restore your entire cab? By this I mean potentially rewire, strip and repaint, powder coat the seat frame, reupholstered seat cushion and back, repainted and/or chromed handbrake, refurbished steering wheel, wipers, window glass... You may think I am going overboard but all preserved buses and coaches are different, and many will need certain parts reviving.

So where to start? Restoring a cab yourself can be quite daunting. It will take more time than you might at first think when done properly and will involve squeezing into small areas. Really making this sound fun, aren't I? But it will be well worth it in the end; believe me there is nothing better than a sparkling new cab.

I cannot imagine how drivers must have felt being the first one into a new bus cab back in the day, straight off the production line. No sweaty seats, discarded crisp packets, cigarette ash

Top row, left to right: **Looking down in a Bristol K's cab. Note the slight cut away in the seat cushion to make room for gear selection.**

**The driver has plenty of room in an Albion Aberdonian cab that is set up for driver only operation, with ticket machine mount and cash tray.**

**Access to a Bournemouth Leyland Titan PD3 cab requires a step and stretch.**

Above left: **The AEC Bridgemaster's compact cab. That seat looks inviting.**

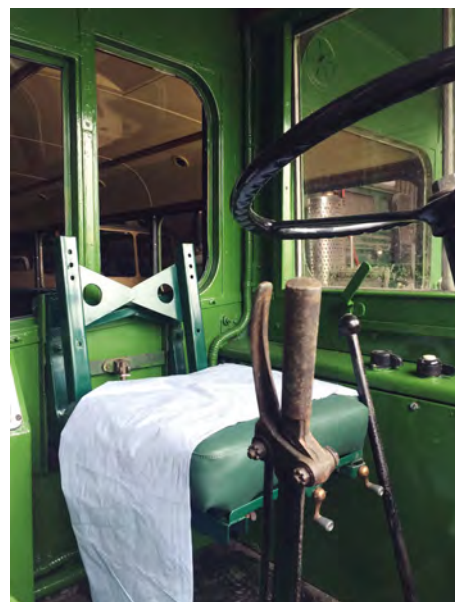
Above: **An AEC Regent III cab looking rather worse for wear. Years of exposure to the elements ensures switches and controls will have seized solid.**

on the switches, banana skins under the pedals and goodness knows what else left behind by others...

## A FEW SMALL TWEAKS

If you lack the time or money to make any major revamps to your cab, have a think about the experience and what could be better when you are next driving your bus or coach. It all comes down to your





Top row, left to right: **A change of scenery with two steering wheels awaiting revival.**

**This RT driver's seat is far from appealing.**

**The air handbrake was often a convenient ash tray for smoking drivers...**

Above left: **A Bristol Lodekka FS cab complete with white steering wheel. These often indicated a wider vehicle as the industry moved on from 7ft 6ins to 8ft bus and coach widths. The cab seat is crying out to be re-trimmed.**

Above right: **A Bristol K in the process of cab restoration. Note the powder-coated seat frame and handbrake lever awaiting a repaint.**

individual comfort, driving experience and the condition of the bus or coach itself.

It could be that you are getting back pain because of a bony seat and seat back, your sliding cab door is a struggle to open, you cannot see out properly because there are scratches on the windscreen from the wiper blades, the indicator lights or sounds are nowhere to be found or your speedo has a mind of its own? Write a list of jobs to do based on what you feel is the

most important to you and the vehicle and start there.

I would love to offer a 'how to' for each task but will cover a few of the most common jobs that make a big difference to our restoration projects.

**NEW SEAT CUSHION AND SEAT BACK** There is nothing worse than driving to a rally on an uncomfortable seat that is worn out with no padding. It is well worth having your cab seat re-trimmed for a comfortable ride. There are numerous companies that re-trim seats in the transport industry and you can also try local classic car trimmers that have a good reputation. Research the seat colour and fabric it would have been trimmed as new or as it may have been re-trimmed in subsequent ownership.

**CLEAN AND REPAINT** A simple and non-costly job, requiring some time and elbow grease. Strip out equipment that will obstruct paint stripping such as seat, steering wheel and large equipment screwed onto panels. I do not recommend painting over bad paint; it can end up looking rough and messy. Make sure to mask (using masking tape) anything needing protection such as switches, window rubbers and destination handles, etc. A nice new lick of paint will transform your cab.

**NEW WIPER BLADES** Searching for the correct size and style wiper blades may not always be simple; try places such as eBay. Try using RainX too; this is a fluid that can be bought from Halfords. Apply the RainX to the screen and buff it up. It works better at speed, but we are unlikely to be shooting down the road at 60mph!

**CAB HEATERS** This can be a simple fix such as replacing wiring or a broken vent hose. Removing the heater unit and cleaning it out it can make a difference to the heat exchange.

## THE FULL WORKS

To have a completely pristine cab, you will need to gut the cab interior and restore it completely. This is something to do in the winter before the rally season, as it will take some time, or you could do it gradually as and when you have the funds. You should also contact suppliers such as chrome works, upholsterers, windscreen glass cutters (if new needed) and steering wheel refurbishers to check their current turnaround time. As soon as items are stripped out of the cab you can send them away for reviving and know your cab will be ready in time for the rallies!



Right: **A Leyland Titan PD3 cab with everything to hand, I do consider the handbrake lever to be a little low down.**

Far right: **Looking down in a Routemaster's cab – the best laid out half-cab I have experienced and driven. Not my legs!**

Begin by removing as much as you can from the cab, e.g. light brackets, wiper motors, interior mirrors, coat hooks, sun blinds, seat and steering wheel. Some steering wheels are on a taper shaft, this can prove to be tight especially if it hasn't been removed for years. A bearing puller around the side of the wheel and on the shaft may loosen it.

Send off any chrome, polishing, the seat cushion and frame (if being powder coated) and steering wheel to suppliers so they can be getting on with those while you do the remaining restoration work. It is always handy to have a second steering wheel if you must move your vehicle.

Spend time sanding and paint stripping the cab area, making sure to place masking tape around anything that needs protecting, such as dials and buttons, and give it all a good vacuum and clean out once fully prepared for painting. You can then paint the cab in its original colours. Once dry put everything back together; by this point you should have your restored or new items from suppliers.

**CAB SEAT FRAME** You can spend time stripping and painting the frame yourself or have it powder-coated to the colour you require; a quicker and easier option with a neater finish. Also make sure to repair any seat adjuster mechanisms that do not work properly.

**STEERING WHEEL** Over time steering wheels deteriorate, leading to a lot of temporary fixes. Applying PVC tape is a favourite to get buses through an MOT but the tape soon starts to wear and be unpleasantly sticky on your hands. The wheel is subjected to different temperatures and damp over time, the Bakelite or plastic coat starts to crack and peel off. You are then left with sharp edges and corrosion. There is a cost involved here of approximately £300 to have a wheel refurbished but it is worth it for a nice glossy steering wheel.

**CONTROLS** Sprucing the controls makes driving a lot more pleasant whether it is a nice mechanical handbrake you can re-chrome or a small electric gear selector to clean up and lubricate. A nice black-painted steering column or dash panel will look great combined with the colour of your cab. Clean up all your switches and make sure they are all working as they should do. Apply new stickers or hand paint the switch lettering too. Make sure your pedal rubbers



are in good condition and not about to fall off and get tangled with your feet.

**VISION** Windscreens can be scratched from windscreen wiper damage and become cloudy over time, so a sparkling new screen will make all the difference. The last time I enquired, it was still possible to purchase windscreens for Bristol VRT, Leyland Olympian and others from Carlyle Bus & Coach. Flat glass is easily cut to size by a glazer, but a curved or a wrap-around screen must be specially made.

**ENTRANCE AREA** Everything painted and looking clean makes for an impressive entrance. Paint the platform doors, bulkhead and the used ticket box as they can get a bit tatty over the years. Remove your cab door if a sliding type, this will be easier to paint, then carefully re-fix it.

**CHROME** New chrome or polished cab door handles on older vehicles certainly adds some bling.

**EXTRAS** Make sure to give some TLC to switches which are loose and dials which are illuminated from the rear. Ensure your cab door opens and closes with ease. A half-cab side window acts as an emergency exit; make sure it opens easily. Make sure your speedometer is working properly and,

if your bus or coach has demisters, make sure they actually blow. Hopefully something warm. On a wet Sunday morning you might appreciate them. Ensure you have working windscreen wiper motors; do not get caught out in the rain. Various motor types can be purchased from vintage vehicle part suppliers or there are companies that refurbish originals. Having as much cool air as possible is ideal on a hot day. I prefer an open sliding cab window, although driving a Routemaster is the ultimate – the front screen can be cranked open horizontally. And make sure to fix a **fire extinguisher** safely in your cab too if you don't already have one.

I hope my articles have been helpful and inspiring with many of you having purchased a bus or coach for restoration and are deep into the work as I write. Remember it does not matter how long a restoration takes, the journey to a fully restored bus or coach is all part of the exciting process. Yes, it can be costly and challenging, especially in cold and damp conditions. Keep the end goal in sight, push forwards with your restoration and, in the end, you will be cab happy.



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## NIGEL APPLEFORD considers the Original Omnibus Company's Crossley DD42

The Crossley DD42 model started life in the late 1930s but due to World War 2, the first production chassis didn't appear until 1944. Work on a new engine had started in 1938 and the prototypes used a Saurer-based 8.6-litre engine with its new direct-injection cylinder head, the engine being designated HOE7. The chassis was a totally new design and one initially received a Manchester Corporation 'Streamliner' body built by Metro-Cammell. The chassis was available in 7ft 6in (DD42/1, 3, 5-7) or 8ft (DD42/4, 8, 8A) widths. A 'T' suffix indicated a Turbo Transmitter fitment.

The Crossley designed body structure, influenced by Manchester Corporation, incorporated extra deep stress panels inside its steel framing which required the raised window lines of the two rearmost bays of both decks, this was designed to cope with heavy rear platform loadings during busy times. Manchester Corporation had received a visit from one of London Transport's prewar RTs which inspired certain aspects of the Crossley body particularly around the cab area which featured a low radiator and large windows to assist the driver's vision. Bodies to this same design were also built by Brush and Metro-Cammell. The first buses, built at the Gorton Works in Manchester were delivered in 1946. In 1947 the company moved to Erwood Park,



One of a few Crossleys to survive in preservation is this DD42/3, new to Sunderland in 1947 as No 13. No 13 has been superbly restored by Messrs Jackson and Melia of Colchester and is seen at Labworth in October 2011.

Stockport and production was transferred there. It should be noted that Crossley did build bodies for other chassis such as Leyland and AEC.

The prototypes were well received but a dispute over royalty payments to Saurer led to the need for an engine re-design. This was rushed and the resultant Crossley-built HOE7 engines quickly gained a poor reputation for reliability. The redesigned cylinder head resulted in the engine not 'breathing' properly. It ran hotter, was less powerful and used more fuel and oil than the original version. After Crossley was taken over by AEC, its engine designers produced a new downdraught head which cured those problems. Besides a conventional

synchronesh gearbox Crossley also offered a Brockhouse-Salerni Turbo-transmitter option. This was based on a torque converter designed to act as a fluid coupling at higher speeds and thus fully automatic in operation. The converter occupied little more space than a conventional clutch; a small gearbox was mounted under the floor enabling forward and reverse gears plus neutral to be selected by a 'gear' lever.

The Crossley chassis and bodywork were both sturdy and well built but the HOE7 engine proved to be the bus's Achilles heel. Many operators replaced the engine with a Leyland or Gardner unit; in the case of Portsmouth Corporation it was withdrawing 1935 Leyland TD4s at the time so overhauled the engines and gearboxes from these and fitted them into their 25 1948 DD42/7Ts, this also did away with the Turbo-transmitters (which were also causing some issues) — the buses then went on to have a full service life.

The DD42 certainly wasn't a complete failure with some 1,114 chassis produced before the model's demise in 1952. Purchased by municipals and a few independent operators it did attract some big orders with Manchester taking 291 and Birmingham 270 (although not all with Crossley bodies). There was a single-deck model too, the SD42, although this didn't go into production until 1947.

### FLEETLIST

#### ORIGINAL OMNIBUS COMPANY (Corgi) 1:76 4mm SCALE

Ref	Identity	Released	Run	Destination	Notes
OM41601	Manchester 2955 (GNF 885)	Jan 2009	2,001		
OM41602/1	Glasgow C1 (EGA 75)	Apr 2009	—	12 Abbotsinch	
OM41602/2	Glasgow C1 (EGA 75)	Apr 2009	1,700	12 Kilbarchan	Combined run
OM41603/1	Portsmouth 42 (EBK 579)	Jun 2009	—	18 Eastney	
OM41603/2	Portsmouth 42 (EBK 579)	Jun 2009	1,300	20 Cosham Rly Stn	Combined run
OM41604/1	Sunderland 13 (GR 9007)	Jul 2009	—	Fulwell	
OM41604/2	Sunderland 13 (GR 9007)	Jul 2009	1,200	Seaburn	Combined run
OM41605/1	Lancaster 572 (HTF 572)	Feb 2014	500	11 Scotforth	
OM41605/2	Lancaster 572 (HTF 572)	Feb 2014	500	2 Dest Marsh	
OM41606F	Leeds 727 (JUB 727)	Feb 2010	500	67 Foundry Lane	OOC Club model 2010
OM41606S	Leeds 727 (JUB 727)	Feb 2010	500	67 Seacroft	OOC Club model 2010
OM41607A	South Shields 134 (CU 4607)	Jun 2011	550	Simonside	
OM41607B	South Shields 134 (CU 4607)	Jun 2011	450	Chichester	
OM41608A	Luton 92 (EBM 92)	Sep 2012	—	1 Seymour Avenue	
OM41608B	Luton 92 (EBM 92)	Sep 2012	1,000	4 Park Square	Combined run
OM41609A	Stockport 231 (CDB 1)	Dec 2014	—	47 Crossley Road	
OM41609B	Stockport 231 (CDB 1)	Dec 2014	1,000	16 Stepping Hill	Combined run
OM41610A	Ashton 8 (GTJ 522)	Jul 2015	—	Glossop	
OM41610B	Ashton 8 (GTJ 522)	Jul 2015	1,200	Hyde	Combined run

#### ATLAS EDITIONS 'CLASSIC BRITISH BUSES' SERIES 1:76 4mm SCALE

4655519	Leeds 701 (JUB 727)	Sep 2011	n/a
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Top left: As mentioned, OOC cast two top decks, the 'drooping' style on the left and the 'straight' style on the right. Manchester and Lancaster had buses with single headlamps although a pair of lights became the norm.

Top right: The rear elevation shows the issues with the platform and rear bulkhead mentioned in the text. Some operators rear lower-deck windows, the window being rectangular.

Upper: Manchester was the biggest customer of this version. This model of 2955 (GNF 885) represents one of a batch of 71 DD42/3 buses delivered in 1946. 2954-9 were model DD42/3T, fitted with turbo-transmitters, the batch featuring the single headlamp seen on the prewar RT but this was not perpetuated. 2954-9 were later re-engined with Leyland units. The model was released in January 2009.

Lower: Portsmouth purchased 31 Crossleys, 25 DD42/7T and six DD42/5 models (these six had Reading bodies). The Crossley bodies featured the straight window lines. These Crossleys were re-engined with overhauled units from Leyland TD4s, the turbo-transmitters were also replaced with conventional gearboxes. As with many OOC releases there were dual destinations offered, both models were released in June 2009. The models are in later condition with white roof and no header tank (removed when re-engined). The side fleet numbers should be white and the crest is not quite correct. Portsmouth's Crossleys also had the name at the top of the radiator, not the badge as on the model.

Below: Sunderland Corporation Transport purchased six DD42/3s with Crossley bodies in 1947. The HOE7 engines were later replaced with Gardner 5LW's from prewar Daimlers. No.13 (GR 9007) was withdrawn in 1962 and served as a mobile polling booth for ten years. It was acquired for preservation and restored to original condition. The model (with dual destinations) was released in July 2009.

Below right: Rear offside view of GR 9007.





Right: Lancaster purchased 13 7ft 6in wide Crossley DD42s in three batches during 1947/8. This model is of 572 (HTF 572), numerically the last of the second batch. The first batch featured the 'drooping' upper deck window lines but the others had the straight window line. No 572 also displays the single headlight as seen on Manchester's first examples.



Below: Leeds City Transport took delivery of a single DD42 in August 1946 (more followed later) and this is the subject of the OOC model, 727 (JUB 727), although it was renumbered 701 in November 1948. It featured a standard Manchester-style body with 'drooping' windows and a non-standard green bonnet rather than Leeds' normal unpainted aluminium finish. This was a dual-destination release for the Corgi OOC Club in February 2010.



## THE MODELS

The model was introduced by Corgi in January 2009. It is definitely a very handsome model and I think captures the look of the real bus. Obviously there will be an element of compromise in the models as no two operators specifications

will be the same. Corgi has chosen to model the 7ft 6in variant which was more numerous and the main dimensions appear to be accurate.

There are a number of minor issues, however. The prototype had a choice of two radiator badges, a Crossley script

or a badge at the top and unfortunately all models have the same radiator featuring the badge. The front taper to the body sides is too shallow (albeit only a millimetre or so) and under the canopy, the front bulkhead window is the correct shape but set too low, it should line up



Above: Atlas Editions also offered a Leeds Crossley DD42 in its 'Great British Buses' range. It was also a model of JUB 727 but as later re-numbered to 701. Quality control is an issue as the nearside headlamp is loose and the two halves of the body aren't a particularly good fit. It has mirrors although only a painted wiper, the model was released in September 2011.

Left: Probably the most colourful release is this model of South Shields 134 (CU 4607). The flamboyant blue and primrose livery was similar in layout to Manchester's prewar streamliner design. The model was released in June 2011 with dual destinations — Simonside or as seen here Chichester.



Top: **Luton ordered 60 DD42/3T models, the first of which was delivered in 1946. Due to supply difficulties the order was later amended to 32. As with most other municipalities they proved unreliable and heavy on fuel. The turbo transmitters were replaced in 1953 by AEC constant-mesh gearboxes by AEC at Southall. This model of 92 (EBM 92) was released in September 2012 with the alternate destinations — Seymour Avenue or Park Square.**

Centre: **Stockport took delivery of 65 Crossleys (which were built in Stockport from 1947). Subject of the model, 231 (CDB 1) was a DD42/3 with Crossley body (Manchester-style drooping windows), Stockport also operated DD42/5s with straight windows. This model was released in December 2014 with alternate destinations of Stockport Crossley Road or Stockport Stepping Hill as seen in the picture.**

Bottom: **The latest release is of a DD42/3 in the post-1954 livery of Ashton-under-Lyne, which took delivery of six similar buses after World War 2, replacing prewar Crossleys. This is a model of Ashton 8 (GTJ 522), which was available with alternative destinations of Glossop or Hyde. This is a complicated but pleasant livery, well captured by OOC. The models were released in July 2015.**

with the top of the side windows not the bottom. At the rear, the platform edges are too deep and although the platform extends to the side of the bus it doesn't extend to the rear, the bulkhead is also far too narrow. Unfortunately the last two issues seem to be a feature of all OOC rear-entrance models.

On the plus side, OOC has produced two different top decks, the 'drooping' front/first side windows or the 'straight' window variant. Construction of the model follows the conventional method of two separate decks held together by two metal poles driven into the metal chassis. Glazing is commendably flush and the plastic wheels with rubber tyres are extremely authentic-looking. Plastic external mirrors are fitted although these do look a little 'chunky'. The etched cab windscreen wiper is very fine while paintwork and decals are to OOC's usual high standard. A further issue on the OOC casting was produced for Atlas Editions.

This is a pleasing model and hopefully more variants may appear under Hornby ownership. For collectors it's fine as it is and for modellers there are improvements that can be made if you feel you can't live with the issues mentioned or you feel the need to make it more operator specific.





NICK LARKIN visits a transport museum library with a difference and also ventures into Poundland.

### LIBRARY TICKET

An invite to view the London Bus Museum's library suggest an extremely enjoyable afternoon rummaging through every known book on the AEC RT, ancient London Transport staff magazines and prewar Green Line timetables.

You wouldn't expect to be reading tales of buses possessing 100 decks or, in miniature form, flying from a full English breakfast!

Such joy are to savour in the collection of book at the Brooklands-based museum's recently established children's play area, which also features toy buses and pictures to colour in, plus other joys which hopefully might stimulate young minds

in an omnibus direction.

'The books definitely go down well with our younger visitors, many of whom have never been on a bus. If this sparks an interest and means that one day they might become members of the museum themselves, that would be great,' commented museum spokesman Deryck Fill.

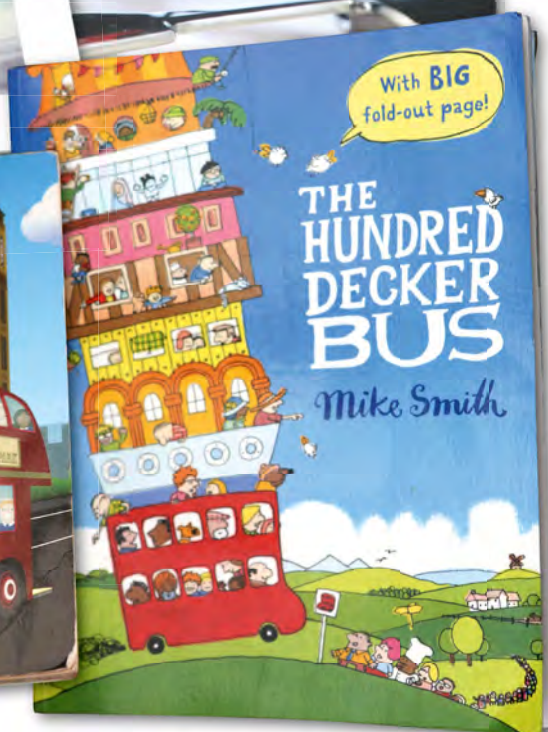
Books which have gone down particularly well include various volumes of *Billy the Bus*, which changes author and changes from an apparent depiction of an RT to a Routemaster in different volumes.

Then there's *The Hundred-Decker*

*Bus* by Mike Smith, the story of how coachbuilders battled to substantially increase upper-deck capacity on their vehicles while complying with DDA regulations (well possibly),

but nothing matches in one volume. Had we

been sniffing too many AEC Regent exhaust fumes or did we really leaf through a volume called *Naughty Bus* by Jan and Jerry Oke, in which an RT of approximately EFE model size causes complete havoc and even destroys someone's full English breakfast?





## LOOKS GOOD ON PAPER

Four vehicles from the London Bus Museum have recently been viewed by millions in the film 'Mary Poppins', and currently sport some wonderful detail touches.

RT1 carries the so often seen everyday sight of the driver's newspaper wedged in the front windscreen, whether for easy access or to keep out draughts; in this case a copy of The Daily Express from Thursday November 2 1939.

Some years ago we praised this practice on some of the buses at The Transport Museum, Wythall. Definitely a treat for old newspapers fans as well as devotees of old buses.

Secondly, STL 441 has been treated to some super recreations of those paper adverts used on London Transport buses in the late 1940s, which often seemed to have had a short life, often giving up the ghost and revealing part of the advert underneath.

This has apparently happened to an ad next to the front destination box on the STL, where an advert advising that Wisk 'does the big wash' is cut short to reveal part of an ad for auctioneers.

How's that for period detail? G351 (HCG 130), a Guy Arab II with Park Royal body, and D142 (XX 9581) a 1925 Dennis four-ton bus with Dodson bodywork also appeared in Mary Poppins.







### PEDAL-LING INFORMATION

Yet another piece of minutiae sponsored at the London Bus Museum.

Look at this piece of AEC accelerator history on a 'driving simulator' which entertains young and old at the museum.

The wear must from be thousands of drivers. Wonder what bus the pedal originated on, and the tales it could tell?



### MOQUETTE ETIQUETTE

Yet another innovation at the London Bus Museum, and this time a treat for moquette enthusiasts, which apparently has been a smash hit among visitors.

'We had various pieces of moquette and realised it has an interesting history so why not have a proper display? It meant we

had a new use for our old reception desk, which was adapted,' said the museum's Deryck Fill.

'We're amazed how much interest it's created and people love touching the moquette.'

Indeed, we saw many visitors sneaking a crafty feel of London Transport DMS

seat covering or even going back to the 1920s for London General's finest.

There's a total ban on seat slashers though.

The display neatly revolves using a mechanism designed by museum member Tony Lewis, with strict maintenance instructions.



## POUNDLAND TREAT

Poundland may have been in the news recently for its £1 engagement ring, but could this be an even greater treat?

No need to guess the price of this London Bus, which appears to be the child of a mysterious mating

between an AEC Routemaster and a Dennis Loline.

It must be said that while this is no Sun Star RM, we have seen worse die-cast bus castings at a much higher price, and a tenner buys you a fleet!



*Please note: You only receive one bus for a quid!  
The rear view is added here for illustration purposes.*



## BREXIT BUSES

You may have noticed that Brexit has been in the news quite a bit recently. We're not taking sides here, but isn't it interesting that even today cartoonists often still decide today that a typical British bus is a London Transport half-cab double-decker.

Thanks to HENRY MELNYK for the flying Routemaster as seen in *The Times* and reproduced with thanks.

Thanks also to *The European* for its cover depiction of featuring an RT — say no more!





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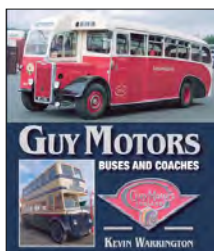
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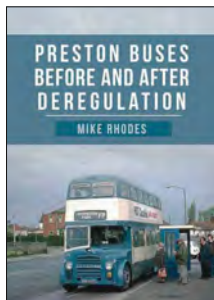
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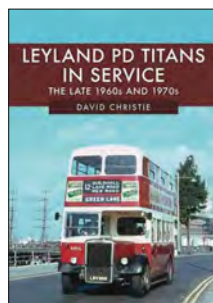
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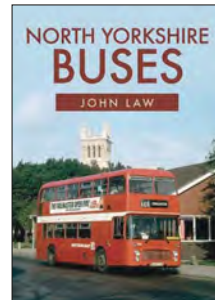
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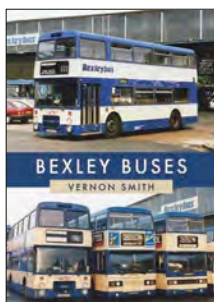
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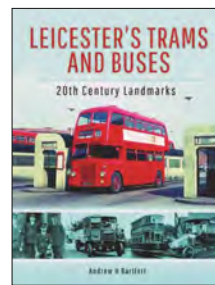


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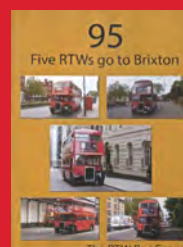
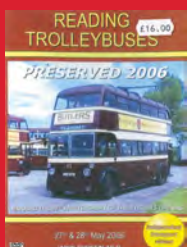
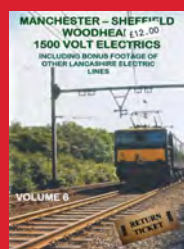
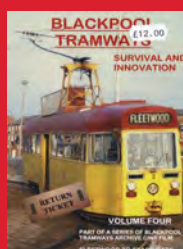
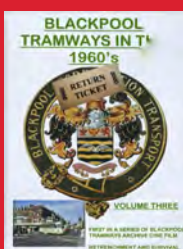
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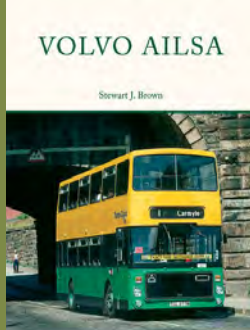
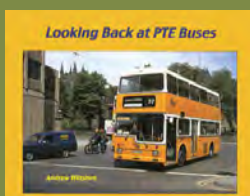
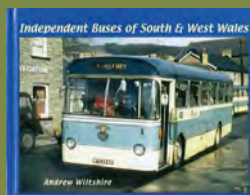
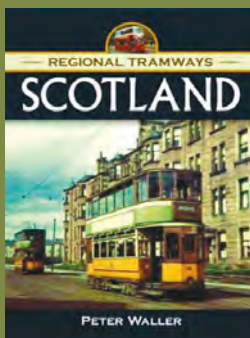
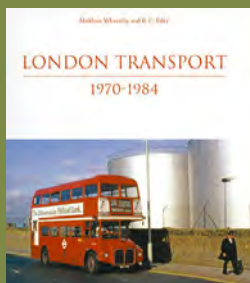
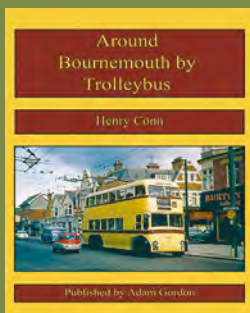
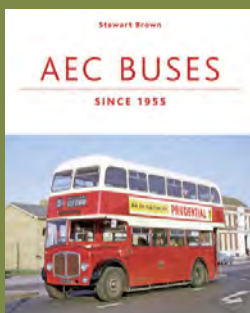


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**Sunday 3 March**

**Cosham, Portsmouth. Spring Transport Fair.** Community Centre, Wootton Street, Cosham, Portsmouth PO6 3AP. 10.00-15.30. Admission £1.50. Stalls, free bus rides & light refreshments. Model Bus Federation display. Close to Cosham railway station. Convenient for A3/A27/M27/local buses. Details: [vtransportgroup@btinternet.com](http://vtransportgroup@btinternet.com) or Facebook

**St. Helens. North West Museum of Road Transport. Spring Heritage Bus Running Day.** Details: [www.nwmort.co.uk](http://www.nwmort.co.uk). North West Museum of Road Transport, The Old Bus Depot, 51 Hall Street, St Helens WA10 1DU

**Saturday 9 March**

**Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum.** Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 9LE. 12.00-16.00. Details: [www.delaineheritagetrust.org](http://www.delaineheritagetrust.org)

**Sunday 10 March**

**South Yorkshire Transport Museum. Open Day.** Unit 9, Waddington Way, Aldwarke, Rotherham S65 3SH. 10.30-16.00. Shop & café open. Free heritage shuttle bus from Rotherham, Greasbrough Road (The Trades), hourly 10.45-14.45. Admission £5, concession £3.50, accompanied u16 free. Details: 07828 068484, [info@sytmc.co.uk](mailto:info@sytmc.co.uk) or [www.sytmc.co.uk](http://www.sytmc.co.uk)

**Dewsbury Bus Museum. Spring Running Day.** Admission by programme, £3 adult, accompanied children free. Advance copy £4 by cheque payable to West Riding Omnibus Museum Trust, 47E Dale Street, Ossett WF5 9HE. 10.00-16.30. Free services & tours. Large bus static display area. Free shuttle service from Dewsbury South Street to Ravensthorpe museum building. Up to 25 vehicles in service & large selection of visiting buses. Trade stalls, museum café, tombola & more. Visiting vehicles welcome. Free feeder services from Bradford, Castleford, Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley, Leeds, Pontefract & Wakefield. Details: [www.dewsburybusmuseum.org](http://www.dewsburybusmuseum.org) or Facebook. Call 01924 265528 to book in a vehicle for free services

**Swansea Bus Museum. SHVR Auto Jumble.** Unit 2, Viking Way, Winch Wen Industrial Estate, Winch Wen, Swansea SA1 7DA. Details: [www.swanseabusmuseum.com](http://www.swanseabusmuseum.com), [secretary@sbm.wales](mailto:secretary@sbm.wales) or 01792 732832

**Tuesday 12 March**

**Hook, Hants. Toy & Train Collectors Fair.** Ravenscroft Community Centre, Hook RG27 9NN. Doors 18.30. Refreshments & free off-road car parking. Admission £1. Details: 01380 725322, 07958 101891 or [clementsairs@aol.com](mailto:clementsairs@aol.com)

**Sunday 17 March**

**Ashington, West Sussex. Toy Fair.** Community Centre, Foster Lane, Ashington RH20 3PG. 10.00-13.00. Admission £2, concession £1.50. Details: David 07742 609865, Pete 01424 846676 or [modelcarmart@gmail.com](mailto:modelcarmart@gmail.com)

**Devizes Toy & Train Collectors Fair.** Corn Exchange, Market Place, Devizes SN10 1HS. 10.00-14.00. Refreshments. Admission £2. Details: 01380 725322, 07958 101891 or [clementsairs@aol.com](mailto:clementsairs@aol.com)

**Saturday/Sunday 23/24 March**

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. The Spring Spectacular.** Transport Collectors' Market. Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. Free Centreshuttle 4 bus from Corporation Street (stop NU) & Shudehill Interchange (Stand E) from 09.50. Details: [www.motgm.co.uk](http://www.motgm.co.uk) or 0161 205 2122

**Sunday 24 March**

**Aston Manor (Aldridge) Transport Museum. Models in the Museum.** Shenstone Drive, off Northgate, Aldridge, West Midlands WS9 8TP. Numerous displays & working layouts of most forms of transport. Half-hourly free bus service to/from Walsall. Admission £5, £2 children, £13 family ticket (2+3). Details: 01922 454761, [www.amrtm.org](http://www.amrtm.org) or Facebook

**RF40.** The Heights Car Park, Brooklands, Weybridge. Commemorating withdrawal in March 1979 of last London Transport RFs on routes 218/219. Frequent RF service on 218 & 219 departing Kingston, Weybridge & Staines from 09.45 onwards. Hourly 215A Kingston & Downside. Connecting buses Staines, Weybridge, Walton & Cobham on 456B, 462 & 462B plus feeder buses from Croydon, High Wycombe & Slough. Programme/timetables £8 from Amersham & District Motorbus Society, 68 Hitcham Road, Taplow SL6 0LZ or [www.amershammotorbussociety.co.uk](http://www.amershammotorbussociety.co.uk). See Facebook for latest updates.

**Friday 29 March**

**London Transport Museum. Discovery Tours at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Tickets must be pre-booked online or via Ticket Office 020 7565 7298 (10.00-17.30 daily). U16 must be accompanied by adult. Details: 020 7565 7298 or [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

**Saturday 30 March**

**London Bus Museum. Barking RT/RF Gathering.** Displays in Barking & River Road garages. Free RT service on routes 62 & 23C, plus other free services. End of day RT procession as in 1979. Open day & stalls at Barking garage, displays at River Road garage with frequent free bus service between the two. Details: [www.londonbusmuseum.com/event/2019-barking/](http://www.londonbusmuseum.com/event/2019-barking/)

**Oxford Bus Museum. Twilight Running in Oxford.** City centre, 18.00-20.30. Details: 01296 337622 or [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

**London Transport Museum. Art & Poster Tours at Acton Depot.**

Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Details: [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

**Sunday 31 March**

**Swansea Bus Museum. Mothers' Day Event.** Unit 2, Viking Way, Winch Wen Industrial Estate, Winch Wen, Swansea SA1 7DA. Details: [www.swanseabusmuseum.com](http://www.swanseabusmuseum.com), [secretary@sbm.wales](mailto:secretary@sbm.wales) or 01792 732832

**Oxford Bus Museum. Mothers' Day Event.** Free vintage bus rides. Free entry for mothers with paying child. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. 10.30-16.30. Bus services at 11.30 & 14.30. Details: 01296 337622 or [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

**Bristol Vintage Bus Group. Spring Mini Running Day.** Flowers Hill, Brislington. Details: [www.bvbg.co.uk](http://www.bvbg.co.uk)

**Saturday 6 April**

**South East Bus Festival, Kent Showground, Detling near Maidstone.** 10.00-16.00. Large display of buses & coaches, sales stands, model bus displays, slide shows, talks by guest speakers & frequent free bus rides around showground. Details: [www.southeastbusfestival.wixsite.com/sebf](http://www.southeastbusfestival.wixsite.com/sebf) or Facebook

**Saturday/Sunday 6/7 April**

**UK Coach Rally.** Blackpool Promenade. Details: [info@coachdisplays.co.uk](mailto:info@coachdisplays.co.uk)

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Weekend Trolleydays.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: [www.sandtoft.org.uk](http://www.sandtoft.org.uk)

**Sunday 7 April**

**London Bus Museum, Brooklands. Spring Gathering.** Exhibition of RT/RF buses. Commemorating 80th anniversary of the RT entering service & 40 years since the last RF in London Transport service. Admission £13.50, children £7, senior/student £11.50, family £35. London Bus Museum, Brooklands Road, Weybridge KT13 0XP. Details: [www.londonbusmuseum.com](http://www.londonbusmuseum.com)

**Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust. Open Sunday.** 11.00-16.00. Admission £5, child/senior £3, family £12. Details: Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust, 76 Fordneuk Street, Glasgow G40 3AH, [info@gvvt.org](mailto:info@gvvt.org) or [www.gvvt.org](http://www.gvvt.org)

**Ipswich Transport Museum. Heritage Bus Rides.** Free bus rides between Museum, town centre & railway station. 11.00-16.00. Admission £5.50, child £3.50, concession £5, family £16 (up to 2+3). Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, [enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk) or [www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk)



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**Warminster, Wilts. CTP Spring Road Run.** 10.30 from Warminster Central Car Park, BA12 9BT, to Crockerton near Warminster. Details/entries: Commercial Transport in Preservation Events Organiser Mary Bailey 01747 823365, [m.bailey1950@btinternet.com](mailto:m.bailey1950@btinternet.com) or [www.thectp.org.uk](http://www.thectp.org.uk)

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**Saturday 13 April**

**Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum.** Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 9LE. 12.00-16.00. Details: [www.delaineheritagetrust.org](http://www.delaineheritagetrust.org)

**Enfield Transport Bazaar.** St. Paul's Centre, 102 Church Street, Enfield EN2 6AR. Junction of Church Street, Chase Side & Windmill Hill. Two mins walk from Enfield Chase railway station or ten mins from Enfield Town railway station. All buses serving Enfield Town stop within five mins walk. Up to 40 stalls selling transport books, photos, DVDs, maps, timetables, tickets & other memorabilia. Light refreshments. 11.00-14.30. Admission £3, accompanied children free. Details: NLETE, 8, The Rowans, Palmers Green, N13 5AD (with SAE) or [nleevents@outlook.com](mailto:nleevents@outlook.com)

**Henfield, West Sussex. Toy Fair.** Village Hall, High Street, Henfield, West Sussex BN5 9DB. 10.00 – 13.00. Admission £2, concession £1.50. Details: David 07742 609865 or [modelcarmart@gmail.com](mailto:modelcarmart@gmail.com)

**Saturday/Sunday 13/14 April**

**Seventh Annual Wellingborough Bus Rally.** Wellingborough Museum, Castle Way, Wellingborough NN8 1XB. Bus rides, sales stalls, memorabilia exhibition, BBQ & refreshments. Free entry. 1000-1600. Details, vehicle entry forms & stall bookings: Steve Loveridge, 794 Preservation Group, 75 Bakers Crescent, Irchester NN29 7BA

**Sunday 14 April**

**South Yorkshire Transport Museum. Open Day.** Unit 9, Waddington Way, Aldwarke, Rotherham S65 3SH. 10.30-16.00. Shop & café open. Free heritage shuttle bus from Rotherham, Greasbrough Road (The Trades), hourly 10.45-14.45. Admission £5, concession £3.50, accompanied u16 free. Details: 07828 068484, [info@sytym.co.uk](mailto:info@sytym.co.uk) or [www.sytym.co.uk](http://www.sytym.co.uk)

**Swansea Bus Museum. Land Rover Safari.** Unit 2, Viking Way, Winch Wen Industrial Estate, Winch Wen, Swansea SA1 7DA. Details: [www.swanseabusmuseum.com](http://www.swanseabusmuseum.com), [secretary@sbm.wales](mailto:secretary@sbm.wales) or 01792 732832

**National Tramway Museum.** Tram models running in the Exhibition Hall (David Gould layout). 10.00-17.30. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: [enquiry@tramway.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@tramway.co.uk), 01773 854321 or [www.tramway.co.uk](http://www.tramway.co.uk)

**Reading. Vintage Toy Fair.** Rivermead Leisure Centre, Richfield Avenue, Reading RG1 8EQ. 10.30-15.00. Parking & refreshments. Admission £4, accompanied u16 free. Details: Tony Oakes Fairs, 01270 652773 or 07825 631323

**Good Friday/Saturday 19/20 April**

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**Saturday/Easter Sunday 20/21 April**

**East Anglia Transport Museum. Easter Family Treasure Trail.** East Anglia Transport Museum, Chapel Rd, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 8BL. 12.00-16.30. Easter celebration. Free treasure hunt with prizes for all children taking part. Trams & trolleybuses, narrow gauge railway & static exhibits. Free park & ride service both days. Details: 01502 518459, [admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk) or [www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk)

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**Saturday-Bank Holiday Monday 20-22 April**

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Easter Weekend Trolleydays.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: [www.sandtoft.org.uk](http://www.sandtoft.org.uk)

**Easter Sunday 21 April**

**Lincolnshire Road Transport Museum. Transport Festival.** Whisby Road, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 10.00-17.00. Admission £8, accompanied u18 free. Displays, visiting vehicles, sales stands, refreshments, vintage & classic car rides, variety of buses & coaches operating free services from Lincoln city centre & local park & ride from Teal Park, Whisby Road (just off A46 Lincoln by-pass/Whisby roundabout). Please use bus services – parking on site limited to blue badge holders. Visiting vintage, classic & preserved vehicles welcome; buses, coaches & HGVs must be pre-booked. Details: 01522 500566, 01522 689497, 07984 872994, [www.lvvs.org.uk](http://www.lvvs.org.uk), [info@lvvs.org.uk](mailto:info@lvvs.org.uk), Facebook or Twitter

**12th Penzance VR Revival & Vintage Bus Running Day.** Penzance Bus Station with services to Camborne, Land's End, St Ives, St Just, Marazion, Mousehole, Perranuthnoe & Praa Sands. Details & entry forms: Thames Valley & Great Western Omnibus Trust, Ledger Farm, Forest Green Road, Fifield, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 2NR, 07990 505373, [enquiries@tvagwot.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tvagwot.org.uk), [www.cornwallbuspreservation.co.uk](http://www.cornwallbuspreservation.co.uk) or [www.tvagwot.org.uk](http://www.tvagwot.org.uk)

**Oxford Bus Museum. Easter Chick Hunt.** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30 & 14.30. Open 10.30-16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

**Easter Sunday/Bank Holiday Monday 21/22 April**

**Transport Museum Wythall. Operating Days.** 10.30-17.00 (last admission 16.30). Classic bus & miniature steam railway rides, & special gathering of Bristols. Museum bus service 750 operates both days from Holloway Circus (Suffolk St Queensway, near New Alexandra Theatre), Birmingham, 10.30 & 11.45 (fare £2.50 each way) & Maypole 10.50 & 12.05. Admission £7, child £3.50, Family tickets available. Admission & all-day bus riding ticket £12, child £6. Details: The Transport Museum, Chapel Lane, Wythall B47 6JA, 01564 826471, [enquiries@wythall.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wythall.org.uk) or [www.wythall.org.uk](http://www.wythall.org.uk)

**National Tramway Museum. World War II – Home Front Event.** Re-enactors, music & vehicles from the 1940s. 10.00-17.30. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: [enquiry@tramway.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@tramway.co.uk), 01773 854321 or [www.tramway.co.uk](http://www.tramway.co.uk). No free re-entry for this event.

**Bank Holiday Monday 22 April**

**Ipswich Transport Museum. Easter Egg Trail.** Easter-themed day with quizzes & chocolate eggs for youngsters. Free rides on vehicles from museum. 11.00-16.00. Admission £7, child £4.50, concession £6, family £20 (up to 2+3). Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, [enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk) or [www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk)

**Oxford Bus Museum. Open Day.** Free vintage bus rides. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. 10.30-16.30. See website for bus services. Details: 01296 337622 or [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

**St. Helens. North West Museum of Road Transport. Easter Egg Hunt.** Details: [www.nwmort.co.uk](http://www.nwmort.co.uk). North West Museum of Road Transport, The Old Bus Depot, 51 Hall Street, St Helens WA10 1DU

**Saturday 27 April**

**Quorn & Woodhouse Station Bus & Train Spectacular.** Station Yard, Great Central Railway. 10.00-17.00. Display of buses & coaches. Heritage bus services in local area & rail trips. Transport sales stalls. Details: Leicester Transport Heritage Trust, [www.ltht.org.uk](http://www.ltht.org.uk), [info@ltht.org.uk](mailto:info@ltht.org.uk), 07891 071908 or 0116 2751642

**Saturday/Sunday 27/28 April**

**London Transport Museum. Love your Line Open Weekend at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Details: [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

**Sunday 28 April**

**Aston Manor (Aldridge) Transport Museum. Spring Running Day.** Shenstone Drive, off Northgate, Aldridge, West Midlands WS9 8TP. Guest & museum vehicles running free services to several destinations. Sales stands. Admission £5, £2 children, £13 family ticket (2+3). Details: 01922 454761, [www.amrtm.org](http://www.amrtm.org) or Facebook

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. Open Day.** Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. Free Centreshuttle 5 bus from Shudehill Interchange (Stand E) from 10.52. Details: [www.motgm.uk](http://www.motgm.uk) or 0161 205 2122



**19th Middlesbrough Vintage Bus Running Day.** Middlesbrough landing of Teesside's iconic Transporter Bridge. Free vintage services from 10.45 with links to Middlesbrough bus station & Stockton High Street. Various routes around Teesside, vintage coach tour into Captain Cook country & express vintage coach service to historic Yarm. Approx 25 buses on at least five timetabled routes. Static displays, stalls, etc. Details & entry forms: bill.500group@btinternet.com or 01642 317039 (withheld numbers barred)

**Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre. Spring Bus Show.** Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre, Bury, West Sussex BN18 9LT. Details: 01798 831370, office@amberleymuseum.co.uk or www.amberleymuseum.co.uk

**East Grinstead Running Day.** Details (SAE please): Country Bus Rallies, 19 Hampton Way, East Grinstead RH19 4SG or www.countrybus.org

#### Saturday/Sunday 4/5 May

**Lutterworth Station.** 50 Years since the closure of the GCR & Lutterworth Station Commemoration. Model railway exhibition & classic buses display at Lutterworth Leisure Centre, Coventry Road, Lutterworth LE17 4RB. Saturday 10.30-17.00, Sunday 10.00-16.00. Details: www.lutterworthrailwaysociety.co.uk. Details for bus owners wishing to attend: info@ltht.org.uk or 07891 071908

#### Saturday-Bank Holiday Monday 4-6 May

**Llandudno Transport Festival.** Bodafof Fields, Llandudno, North Wales LL30 3BW. Llandudno Victorian Extravaganza, town & field activities linked by free vintage bus service. Saturday evening road run. Admission £7.50, children £2. Car park from £2. Details: Llandudno Transport Ffordd Celyn Festival Office, 4 Ffordd Celyn, Colwyn Bay, Conwy County LL29 8RN (please enclose SAE), info@llantransfest.co.uk, www.llantransfest.co.uk or Facebook

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. May Day Bank Holiday Weekend Trolleydays.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: www.sandtoft.org.uk

#### Sunday 5 May

**Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust. Open Sunday.** 11.00-16.00. Admission £5, child/senior £3, family £12. Details: Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust, 76 Fordneuk Street, Glasgow G40 3AH, info@gvvt.org or www.gvvt.org

**Oxford Bus Museum. Open Day.** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30 & 14.30. Open 10.30-16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk

**49th Ipswich-Felixstowe Vehicle Run.** Over 500 vehicles gather in Christchurch Park & depart at 11.00 for display on Felixstowe Promenade in the afternoon. Free to visit & watch at either end or on route! Participating vehicle owners must apply/enter in advance. Vehicles must be over 30 years old & an entry/admin fee is payable, see website for details. Museum will be open, Admission £7, child £4.50, concession £6, family £20 (up to 2+3).



Operating at 2018's Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre Spring Show is former Southdown 873 (UF 6473), a 1930 all-Leyland Titan TD1 which forms part of the Museum-based Southdown Omnibus Trust collection.

Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk or www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk

#### Sunday/Bank Holiday Monday 5/6 May

**Transport Museum Wythall. Operating Days.** 10.30-17.00 (last admission 16.30). Classic bus & miniature steam railway rides. Museum bus service 750 operates both days from Holloway Circus (Suffolk St Queensway, near New Alexandra Theatre), Birmingham, 10.30 & 11.45 (fare £2.50 each way) & Maypole 10.50 & 12.05. Admission £7, child £3.50, Family tickets available. Admission & all-day bus riding ticket £12, child £6. Details: The Transport Museum, Chapel Lane, Wythall B47 6JA, 01564 826471, enquiries@wythall.org.uk or www.wythall.org.uk

**National Tramway Museum. Beer & Bands at Crich.** Beer Festival with bands of different genres playing (plus trams!) 10.00-17.30. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: enquiry@tramway.co.uk, 01773 854321 or www.tramway.co.uk

#### Bank Holiday Monday 6 May

**Winchester. King Alfred Running Day.** Details: www.fokab.org.uk

**St. Helens. North West Museum of Road Transport. Classic Car Show.** Details: www.nwmort.co.uk or 01744 451681. North West Museum of Road Transport, The Old Bus Depot, 51 Hall Street, St Helens WA10 1DU.

#### Thursday 9 May

**National Tramway Museum. Horse Tram Day.** 1874 Sheffield Horse Tram 15 in passenger service 11.00-13.00 & 14.00-16.00. Additional cost £1pp to ride on horse tram. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: enquiry@tramway.co.uk, 01773 854321 or www.tramway.co.uk

#### Saturday 11 May

**Theydon Bois. Transport Bazaar.** Theydon Bois Village Hall, Coppice Row, Essex CM16 7ER. 11.00-15.30. Five mins level walk from Theydon Bois Central Line Station (LU Zone 6). Up to 40 stalls selling bus & railway memorabilia, books, photos, maps, timetables, etc. Admission £3, accompanied children free. Refreshments available. Large public car park next to hall. Please note it is no longer possible to provide bus displays & rides at this event. Details: NLETE, 8 The Rowans, Palmers Green, N13 5AD (please enclose SAE) or nlevents@outlook.com

**South Shields. Model Bus 2019.** Salvation Army Hall, Wawn Street, South Shields NE33 4EB. Five mins from Chichester Metro. 09.30-16.00. Admission £3, children/concession £2. Model Bus Federation North East Area. Motorised & static displays, photos, model trade stands, slide shows & films, refreshments. Details: wighamg@btinternet.com

**Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum.** Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 9LE. 12.00-16.00. Details: www.delaineheritagetrust.org

**Guildford. Alexander Dennis Chassis Plant Open Day.** Dennis Way, Slyfield Industrial Estate, Guildford GU1 1AF. 10.00-17.00. Factory tours, chassis & bodied vehicles on display, pictorial displays, slide shows & children's activities. Display of historic Dennis vehicles including the company's own collection. Free bus services to surrounding towns & around the estate. Free admission. Free buses to Guildford & Woking railway station. Details/enquiries: Claire Barrett, Open Day 2019, Alexander Dennis Ltd, 2-3 Dennis Way, Guildford, Surrey GU1 1AF, claire.barrett@alexander-dennis.com or www.alexander-dennis.com

**Bursledon Brickworks. Bricks, Beer & Buses.** Tickets are limited & must be purchased in advance. Free vintage bus to Swanwick railway station. Bursledon Brickworks Industrial Museum, Coal Park Lane, Swanwick, Southampton SO31 7GW. Details: 01489 576248 (not always manned) or www.bursledonbrickworks.org.uk

#### Saturday/Sunday 11/12 May

**East Anglia Transport Museum 1950s Seaside Celebration.** East Anglia Transport Museum, Chapel Rd, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 8BL. 11.00-17.00. A 1950s celebration with a seaside flavour as Hastings trolleybus 34 returns to service after restoration. All available south coast trolleybuses will operate. Visiting buses from the area including (we hope) a special vehicle from Hastings. Free park & ride service. Free bus services to Beccles & Lowestoft, BBQ in the park. Music & dancing from the 1950s – come dressed 1950s-style for discounted entry. Details: 01502 518459, admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk or www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk



**Sunday 12 May**

**Minehead Running Day. Beside the Seaside.** Taunton Historic Bus Group & Quantock Heritage. Details: tauntonrunningday.wordpress.com

**South Yorkshire Transport Museum. Open Day.** Unit 9, Waddington Way, Aldwarke, Rotherham S65 3SH. 10.30-16.00. Shop & café open. Free heritage shuttle bus from Rotherham, Greasbrough Road (The Trades), hourly 10.45-14.45. Preserved buses running to Conisbrough Castle. Admission £5, concession £3.50, accompanied u16 free. Details: 07828 068484, info@sytym.co.uk or www.sytym.co.uk

**Historic Commercial Vehicle Society. 57th London to Brighton Run.** Details: www.hcvs.co.uk

**Tuesday 14 May**

**Hook, Hants. Toy & Train Collectors Fair.** Ravenscroft Community Centre, Hook RG27 9NN. Doors 18.30. Refreshments & free off-road car parking. Admission £1. Details: 01380 725322, 07958 101891 or clementsairs@aol.com

**Saturday 18 May**

**Swansea Bus Museum. Wales on Wheels at the Waterfront Museum.** Swansea Bus Museum Unit 2, Viking Way, Winch Wen Industrial Estate, Winch Wen, Swansea SA1 7DA. Details: www.swanseabusmuseum.com, secretary@sbm.wales or 01792 732832

**Faversham Transport Weekend.** Bus & commercial vehicle display & bus running day (Cars & motorcycles only on Sunday). 10.00-16.00. Free classic bus rides around area. Timetable available late-April from: www.favershamtransportweekend.org. Entry forms: Stephen Jenner, 10 Hawkhurst Road, Gillingham, Kent ME8 6NY or spjenner@hotmail.co.uk. Further details: rolyg@supanet.com

**Saturday/Sunday 18/19 May**

**Rydabus 3 – Southern Vectis 90.** Free travel on network of routes across the Isle of Wight's north east quarter operated by up to 35 vintage buses & coaches. Routes start & finish at the Isle of Wight Bus Museum in Park Road, Ryde. Details: 01983 567796 or www.iwbuseum.org.uk

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. MRX Model Railway Exhibition.** Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. 10.00-16.30. Family friendly day out featuring a wide variety of operational model railway layouts. Free Centreshuttle 4 bus from Corporation Street (stop NU) & Shudehill Interchange (Stand E) from 09.50. Details: www.motgm.uk or 0161 205 2122.

**Haworth (Yorkshire) 1940s Weekend.** Free bus service operated by Aire Valley Transport Group plus static vehicle display. Details: www.avtg.co.uk

**Sunday 19 May**

**The Potteries Apedale Running Day.** In conjunction with the Apedale Valley Light Railway at Loomer Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire. Details: potteriesops@gmail.com

**National Tramway Museum. Classic Transport Gathering.** Welcoming classic vehicles built prior to 1979 (see website for full details). Jaguar Enthusiasts Club also attending. Model trams (Tatra layout) running in Exhibition Hall. 10.00-17.30. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: enquiry@tramway.co.uk, 01773 854321 or www.tramway.co.uk

**Oxford Bus Museum. Open Day.** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30 & 14.30. Open 10.30-16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk

**Fenland BusFest.** 10.00-17.00. Free bus services from event in Whittlesey to Peterborough, Ramsey (for Classic Car Show), Thorney, Turves & Yaxley. Details: www.easternbusgroup.co.uk/busfest.html

**Scottish Vintage Bus Museum, Lathalmond.** Fife KY12 0SJ. Bus Running Day. Details: 01383 623380 or www.svbm.org.uk

**Sevenoaks Running Day.** Details (SAE please): Country Bus Rallies, 19 Hampton Way, East Grinstead RH19 4SG or www.countrybus.org

**Friday/Saturday 24/25 May**

**London Transport Museum. Discovery Tours at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Tickets must be pre-booked online or via Ticket Office 020 7565 7298 (10.00-17.30 daily). U16 must be accompanied by adult. Details: 020 7565 7298 or www.ltmuseum.co.uk

**London Transport Museum. Art & Poster Tours at Acton Depot.**

Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Details: www.ltmuseum.co.uk

**Saturday/Sunday 25/26 May**

**AEC Society Annual Rally.** Newark Showground, Nottinghamshire. Entry open to all makes & models of buses & coaches old & new. Vehicle entry free for driver & one passenger. Admission £10 (one day), £15 (two days) including free programme. Details: Howard Berry 07504 974776 or secretary@aecsociety.com

**Saturday-Bank Holiday Monday 25-27 May**

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Spring Bank Holiday Weekend Trolleydays.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: www.sandtoft.org.uk

**Sunday 26 May**

**Chippenham Bus Rally & Running Day.** Display & sale stands at Wiltshire College, Cocklebury Road. Free vintage bus services running from Chippenham bus station. Celebrating 50 years since the National Bus Company's formation. Details: www.bristolbusevents.co.uk or Facebook. Entry forms: A5 SAE to BRTC, 48 Kenilworth Drive, Willsbridge, Bristol BS30 6DZ

**Morecambe. Vintage Bus Running Day & Centenary of Ribble Motor Services.** Free service from Carnforth railway station, Happy Mount Park & Heysham Village to Morecambe Football Club & Promenade every ten minutes 09:30-18.00. Display of vintage buses & coaches on the promenade near the Midland Hotel & at football club. Open-top tours subject to good weather. Bare Circular & mystery tours. Stalls. Programmes available on day for £4 with full details & timetables. Details: www.rvpt.co.uk

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. Open Day.** Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. Free Centreshuttle 5 bus operating from Shudehill Interchange (Stand E) from 10.52. Details: www.motgm.uk or 0161 205 2122

**Tilford Bus & Coach Rally.** Rural Life Centre, Reeds Road, Tilford, nr Farnham, Surrey GU10 2DL. Details: 01252 795571

**Sunday/Bank Holiday Monday 26/27 May**

**Transport Museum Wythall. Operating Days.** 10.30-17.00 (last admission 16.30). Classic bus & miniature steam railway rides. On Monday only, Metrobus 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration & annual Model Bus Federation display. Museum bus service 750 operates both days from Holloway Circus (Suffolk St Queensway, near New Alexandra Theatre), Birmingham, 10.30 & 11.45 (fare £2.50 each way) & Maypole 10.50 & 12.05. Admission £7, child £3.50, Family tickets available. Admission & all-day bus riding ticket £12, child £6. Details: The Transport Museum, Chapel Lane, Wythall B47 6JA, 01564 826471, enquiries@wythall.org.uk or www.wythall.org.uk

**Bank Holiday Monday 27 May**

**Quanton Bus Rally & Spring Steam Gala.** Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Station Road, Quanton near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP22 4BY. All buses & coaches welcome, plenty of hard standing. Details/entry forms: quantonbusrally2@gmail.com

**Ipswich Transport Museum. On Two Wheels.** Focus on two & three-wheeled vehicles, pedal & motor powered. Vintage cycle demonstrations. See a Boneshaker, Penny Farthing & a motorcycle made in Ipswich. 11.00-16.00. Admission £5.50, child £3.50, concession £5, family £16 (up to 2+3). Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk or www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk

**Sunday 2 June**

**The North West Vehicle Restoration Trust. Annual Open & Running Day.** Charley Wood Road, Kirkby, Merseyside L33 7SG. Ample free parking nearby. Visiting vehicles very welcome, overnight parking available. Shuttle services connect with trains at Kirkby, Prescott & Liverpool city centre. Event supported by *Bus & Coach Preservation* magazine, Aintree Coachline, Peoplesbus & Arriva. Sales stands & refreshments. Several exciting new restorations to be launched! Details: James 07725 842039 or www.nwvrt.info

**Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust. Open Sunday.** 11.00-16.00. Admission £5, child/senior £3, family £12. Details: Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust, 76 Fordneuk Street, Glasgow G40 3AH, info@gvvt.org or www.gvvt.org

**Oxford Bus Museum. Open Day.** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30 & 14.30. Open 10.30-16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk



**Didcot Transport Rally.** Vintage bus services on former GWR Road Motors routes from Didcot by Thames Valley & Great Western Omnibus Trust in association with the Didcot Railway Centre. Details: TV&GWOT, 16 Samor Way, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 8RF, didcot@tvagwot.org.uk or www.tvagwot.org.uk

#### Saturday 8 June

**Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum.** Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 9LE. 12.00-16.00. Details: www.delaineheritagetrust.org

#### Saturday/Sunday 8/9 June

**Nottingham Transport Festival.** Wollaton Park, Nottingham. Details/entries: www.nottinghamtransportfestival.co.uk

#### Sunday 9 June

**3rd Bournemouth Bus Rally.** Kings Park, Boscombe, Bournemouth. Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Bournemouth's last trolleybus. Entries/details: bournemouthbusrally@outlook.com or jonathanhawkins387@yahoo.co.uk

**51st East Coast Run.** Hull to Bridlington. Entries invited from buses, coaches, commercials, cars, vans & motorcycles over 20 years old. Road run from East Park, Hull, to the Cliff Top car park at Sewerby, Bridlington. Transport stalls at Bridlington. Details/entries: events@eytcc.org.uk or EYTCC Events, P.O. Box 320, Hull HU11 5QR

**South Yorkshire Transport Museum. Open Day & Model Transport Exhibition.** Unit 9, Waddington Way, Aldwarke, Rotherham S65 3SH. 10.30-16.00. Shop & café open. Free heritage shuttle bus from Rotherham, Greasbrough Road (The Trades), hourly 10.45-14.45. Admission £5, concession £3.50, accompanied u16 free. Details: 07828 068484, info@sytym.co.uk or www.sytym.co.uk

**Barry Festival of Transport.** Barry Island, South Wales. 10.00-16.00. Large vehicle display, depot open day & running buses. Entries/details: www.ctpg.co.uk or mikeystad73@btinternet.com

**Hitchin Running Day.** Details (SAE please): Country Bus Rallies, 19 Hampton Way, East Grinstead RH19 4SG or www.countrybus.org

#### Tuesday 11 June

**Hook, Hants. Toy & Train Collectors Fair.** Ravenscroft Community Centre, Hook RG27 9NN. Doors 18.30. Refreshments & free off-road car parking. Admission £1. Details: 01380 725322, 07958 101891 or clementsairs@aol.com

#### Saturday/Sunday 15/16 June

**Clwyd Veteran & Vintage Machinery Society Ltd Annual Vintage Vehicle, Steam Rally & Craft Fair.** Oswestry Showground, SY11 4TB. Gates 10.00. Admission £8, family (2A + 2C) £16, children £4. U16 must be accompanied by adult. Craft hall, model hall, steam & miniature engines, vintage tractors, horticultural & garden machinery, commercial & military vehicles, campervans, collections & outdoor displays, classic, vintage & veteran cars, vintage caravans, vintage motorcycles & pedal cycles, organs, stationary engines, heavy horses, ring & static events. Weekend camping available for visitors. General or exhibitor enquiries: Bernie Morris 01978 762889, 07545 092072 or 1bernie.morris@gmail.com or Joan Evans, 01244 544124, 07976 872520 or joan.glyn@talktalk.net. Trade or autojumble: Dave Kelly 07850 377677. Section stewards & application forms: cvvms.co.uk

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Trolleyday (Saturday), Trolleyday Plus (Sunday).** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: www.sandtoft.org.uk

#### Sunday 16 June

**Transport Museum Wythall. Fathers' Day Out.** 10.30-17.00 (last admission 16.30). Chance for Dads to enjoy big boys' toys! Classic bus & miniature steam railway rides. Museum bus service 750 operates both days from Holloway Circus (Suffolk St Queensway, near New Alexandra Theatre), Birmingham, 10.30 & 11.45 (fare £2.50 each way) & Maypole 10.50 & 12.05. Admission £7, child £3.50, Family tickets available. Admission & all-day bus riding ticket £12, child £6. Details: The Transport Museum, Chapel Lane, Wythall B47 6JA, 01564 826471, enquiries@wythall.org.uk or www.wythall.org.uk

**Peak Park Preserved Bus Gathering.** Rowsley South station of Peak Heritage Railway (on A6 midway between Bakewell & Matlock, Derbyshire). 0930-1700. All preserved buses (not current) are welcome. Display on both sides of the track. Judging & awards. Large stall area. Frequent preserved bus services through Peak District, including connections with Peak Rail's steam trains. Details/entries: www.peakparkrally.wordpress.com or Dennis Vickers, 14, Whitting Mews, Holland Road, Old Whittington, Chesterfield S41 9HF, dennisvickers123@hotmail.com



On static display at Bournemouth's Kings Park is former Bournemouth Corporation 266 (RRU 903), a 1955 Park Royal-bodied Leyland Tiger Cub PSUC1/1.

**Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum.** Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum, Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 9LE. 12.00-16.00. Free heritage shuttle bus between Museum & Bourne Classic Car show every 20 mins. Details: www.delaineheritagetrust.org

**National Tramway Museum. Fathers' Day.** Model Trams running in Exhibition Hall (David Gould layout). Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: enquiry@tramway.co.uk, 01773 854321 or www.tramway.co.uk

**Oxford Bus Museum. Fathers' Day event.** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30 & 14.30. Free entry for fathers with paying child. Open 10.30-16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk

**Ipswich Transport Museum. Tractors & Mowers.** Local agricultural machinery & engineering with displays & commentary by volunteers. 11.00-16.00. Admission £5.50, child £3.50, concession £5, family £16 (up to 2+3). Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk or www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk

**Swansea Bus Museum. Fathers' Day Event.** Unit 2, Viking Way, Winch Wen Industrial Estate, Winch Wen, Swansea SA1 7DA. Details: www.swanseabusmuseum.com, secretary@sbm.wales or 01792 732832

**Canvey Transport & History Trail.** Celebrating the Canvey Island Transport Museum's 40th anniversary of its founding by the Castle Point Transport Museum Society. Linking with Canvey Island's heritage & community groups to the Canvey Heritage Centre, Beyond the Point, The Bay Museum & The Dutch Cottage using Museum vehicles. Local history-themed gathering at the Transport Museum. Canvey Island Transport Museum, 105 Point Road, Canvey Island, Essex SS8 7TD. Details: info@castlepointtransportmuseum.co.uk, www.castlepointtransportmuseum.co.uk or Facebook

**Durham Vintage Bus Gathering.** Howlands Park & Ride site. Details: www.nebpt.co.uk

#### Friday-Monday 21-24 June

**Royal Blue & Associated Motorways Run.** Thames Valley & Great Western Omnibus Trust. Birmingham – Liverpool – Wrexham – Cardiff – Treherbert – Cheltenham. Details/entries: TV&GWOT, Ledger Farm, Forest Green Road, Fifield, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 2NR, 07990 505373, enquiries@tvagwot.org.uk or www.tvagwot.org.uk

#### Saturday 22 June

**Ipswich Transport & Model Festival.** Three great attractions on one inclusive ticket – The Transport Museum, Ipswich Railway Modellers Association HQ & the Ipswich Model Engineering Society. Free historic bus service between the sites and the Ipswich Model Railway Centre. Inclusive all attractions adult ticket £10, accompanied children £1. Normal admission applies if entering museum only. Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk or www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk





The Eastern Transport Collection Society's operational fleet includes ex-Eastern Counties LS789 (5789 AH), a 1959 Eastern Coach Works-bodied Bristol MW5G coach.

#### Saturday/Sunday 22/23 June

**National Tramway Museum. Vintage Weekend.** Music & activities from the 1950s & 1960s. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: enquiry@tramway.co.uk, 01773 854321 or www.tramway.co.uk

#### Sunday 23 June

**London Bus Museum, Brooklands. On the Buses.** Major display of lesser-seen buses from the museum collection. Free local bus rides, horse bus & longer excursions for an additional fare. Admission £13.50, children £7, senior/student £11.50, family £35. London Bus Museum, Brooklands Road, Weybridge KT13 0XP. Details: www.londonbusmuseum.com

#### Sunday 23 June OR 30 June (date to be confirmed)

**Glasgow West End Festival Vintage Bus Service.** Free vintage bus services in the west end of Glasgow to & from Riverside Museum (the Museum of Transport). Details: Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust, 76 Fordneuk Street, Glasgow G40 3AH, info@gvvt.org or www.gvvt.org

#### Friday/Saturday 28/29 June

**London Transport Museum. Discovery Tours at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Tickets must be pre-booked online or via Ticket Office 020 7565 7298 (10.00-17.30 daily). U16 must be accompanied by adult. Details: 020 7565 7298 or www.ltmuseum.co.uk

#### Saturday/Sunday 29/30 June

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Weekend Trolleydays.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: www.sandtoft.org.uk

#### Sunday 30 June

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. Open Day.** Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. Free Centreshuttle 5 bus operating from Shudehill Interchange (Stand E) from 10.52. Details: www.motgm.uk or 0161 205 2122

**Stroud Vintage Bus Show.** Stroud College, Gloucestershire. 10.00-16.00. Displays, free vintage bus rides, sales stalls & refreshments. Free service linking college & Stroud bus station. Vehicle entries: Adam adh43@outlook.com

**Ecclesbourne Valley Railway. Annual Classic Bus & Coach Rally.** Railway Station, Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4FB. Details: www.e-v-r.com, events@wyvernrail.com or 01629 823076

**National Tramway Museum. Horse Tram Day.** 1874 Sheffield Horse Tram 15 in passenger service 11.00-13.00 & 14.00-16.00. Additional cost £1pp to ride on horse tram. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: enquiry@tramway.co.uk, 01773 854321 or www.tramway.co.uk

**West Riding Pearl Anniversary.** Redbeck Motel, Wakefield (one mile from Heath Common). Celebrating 30 years since the West Riding Omnibus Museum Trust opened its Dewsbury building. Admission to rally site by programme, £3 adult, accompanied children free. Advance copy available for £4 by cheque payable to West Riding Omnibus Museum Trust, 47E Dale Street, Ossett WF5 9HE. 10.00-16.30. Free services & tours. Free shuttle from Wakefield Northgate to the Redbeck Motel. Up to 20 buses in service & large selection of visiting buses & trade stalls. Visiting vehicles welcome. Free feeder services from Accrington, Bradford, Castleford, Dewsbury, Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley, Leeds, Pontefract Todmorden & Wakefield. Details: www.dewsburybusmuseum.org or Facebook page. Call 01924 265528 to book in a vehicle for free services or static display

**Eastleigh Toy & Train Collectors Fair.** Barton Peveril Sixth Form College, Chestnut Avenue SO50 5ZA. 10.00-14.30. Details: 01380 725322, 07958 101891, or clementsairs@aol.com

#### Saturday/Sunday 6/7 July

**East Anglia Transport Museum. Eastern Transport Collection Society 50th Anniversary.** 11.00-17.00. The Eastern Transport Collection Society is organising this event with as many visiting former Eastern Counties & other



Passing along Eastbourne's seafront during the 2018 Eastbourne Vintage Bus Running Day is former Eastbourne Corporation 69 (KHC 369), a 1963 East Lancs-bodied AEC Regent V 2D3RV.



local operator buses as possible. Free park & ride service. Free bus services to Beccles & Lowestoft. BBQ in the park, trade stands & static exhibits. East Anglia Transport Museum, Chapel Rd, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 8BL. Details: 01502 518459, admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk or www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk

**North Norfolk Railway. Vintage Transport Festival.** Holt Station NR25 6AJ. Vintage bus rally (Saturday), Vintage Transport Festival (Sunday). Entries/details: bus@johnrstewart.co.uk

### Sunday 7 July

**Eastbourne Vintage Bus Running Day.** East Sussex Omnibus Society, Eastbourne railway station. Vintage bus services along seafront & through Meads, to Pevensey Bay, Bexhill-on-Sea, Polegate, Hailsham, Beachy Head & Birling Gap. Details: Steven Wood 07730 162605 or steven.wood@clara.co.uk. Programmes: £7.50 (A5 SAE) from Steven Wood, 97 Fordwich Rise, Hertford SG14 2DF one month in advance or £8 on day

**Leyland Society 21st Annual Gathering.** British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland, Lancs. Open to models from all manufacturers that became part of British Leyland (AEC, Bristol, Daimler, Leyland, Guy, Scammell). Vehicle entry form available to download from the Society's website or by sending an sae to Gary Dwyer, 8 St Mary's Close, West Street, Sompoting, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 0AF. Membership & event details: www.leylandsociety.co.uk & www.bcvn.co.uk

**Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust. Open Sunday.** 11.00-16.00. Admission £5, child/senior £3, family £12. Details: Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust, 76 Fordneuk Street, Glasgow G40 3AH, info@gvvt.org or www.gvvt.org

**National Tramway Museum. Classic Motorcycle Day.** In conjunction with the Vincent Owners Club. Welcoming pre-booked classic motorcycles built prior to 1995 (see website for full details). Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: enquiry@tramway.co.uk, 01773 854321 or www.tramway.co.uk

**Oxford Bus Museum. Open Day.** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30 & 14.30. Open 10.30-16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk

**Whitley Bay Bus Rally.** The Links, Whitley Bay. Details: www.nebpt.co.uk

### Saturday 13 July

**Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum.** Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 9LE. 12.00-16.00. Details: www.delaineheritagetrust.org

**Lancashire Model Bus Show.** Nelson Independent Methodist Church, Netherfield Road, Nelson, Lancashire BB9 9AW. Admission £3, accompanied u15 £1.50, under 5 free. 1000-1600. Refreshments. Details: krdiggins@live.co.uk

**Newark Bus Running Day.** Celebrating centenary of W Gash & Sons. Mini running day Newark town centre. 10.00-16.00. Former Gash & Lincolnshire Road Car buses running free local services. Details: 01522 500566, 01522 722705, 07776 041076, www.lvvs.org.uk, info@lvvs.org.uk, Facebook or Twitter

### Saturday/Sunday 13/14 July

**London Transport Museum. Family Fun Open Weekend at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Details: www.ltmuseum.co.uk

### Sunday 14 July

**Aston Manor (Aldridge) Transport Museum. 32nd Annual Open Day.** Vehicle displays, free bus services & sales stands. Shenstone Drive, off Northgate, Aldridge, West Midlands WS9 8TP. Admission £5, £2 children, £13 family ticket (2+3). Details: 01922 454761, www.amrtm.org or Facebook

**South Yorkshire Transport Museum. Open Day.** Unit 9, Waddington Way, Aldwarke, Rotherham S65 3SH. 10.30-16.00. Shop & café open. Free heritage shuttle bus from Rotherham, Greasbrough Road (The Trades), hourly 10.45-14.45. Admission £5, concession £3.50, accompanied u16 free. Details: 07828 068484, info@sytym.co.uk or www.sytym.co.uk

**Ipswich Transport Museum. Commercial Vehicle Day.** Visiting restored commercial vehicles from local area. 11.00-16.00. Admission £5.50, child £3.50, concession £5, family £16 (up to 2+3). Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk or www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk



It is 40 years since London Transport withdrew its final RF-class buses. RF406 (MXX 294), a 1952 Metro-Cammell-bodied AEC Regal IV 9821LT, arrives at last year's Alton Bus Rally & Running Day.

**National Tramway Museum.** Tram models running in Exhibition Hall (David Gould layout). 10.00 – 17.30. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: enquiry@tramway.co.uk, 01773 854321 or www.tramway.co.uk

**Tavistock Mini Running Day – All Change! The passage from 1968 to 1969.** Vehicles of types operating from Tavistock 50 years ago on services to Princetown & Lydford, into Cornwall, to the banks of the Tamar & surrounding villages. Details: TV&GWOT, Ledger Farm, Forest Green Road, Fifield, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 2NR, 07990 505373, davidshppard@tvagwot.org.uk or www.tvagwot.org.uk

**Peterborough Bus & Commercial Vehicle Show.** Sacrewell Farm at the A47/A1 junction near Peterborough PE8 6HJ. 10.00-16.00. Details: www.busrally.co.uk

**Burscough. Merseyside Transport Trust Running Day.** Osprey Place, Burscough Industrial Estate, Burscough, nr Ormskirk, L40 8TG. Details: www.mttrust.co.uk

### Monday 15 July

**National Tramway Museum. Horse Tram Day.** 1874 Sheffield Horse Tram 15 in passenger service 11.00-13.00 & 14.00-16.00. Additional cost £1pp to ride on horse tram. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: enquiry@tramway.co.uk, 01773 854321 or www.tramway.co.uk

### Saturday 20 July

**The Alton Country Pub & Bus Running Day – The Finale!** The Hants & Surrey Bristol RE Group. Enjoy real ales at a variety of North Hampshire country pubs. For the final time, a network of services from Alton using a variety of Bristol REs. Discount beer vouchers in the programme. We would like to hear from you if you own a Bristol RE & would like to take part! Details: www.bristol-re.moonfruit.com

**Potters Bar. Metroline Bus Garage Open Day & Running Day.** 10.30-16.00. Details: opendays@metroline.co.uk

### Sunday 21 July

**Alton Bus Rally & Running Day.** Anstey Park, Anstey Lane, Alton, Hants GU34 2NB. 10.00-17.00. Display of over 150 buses & coaches of all shapes & sizes from variety of eras & operating areas. Extensive network of free bus services from Anstey Park to surrounding towns & villages. Large display of classic cars, lorries, motorcycles, vans, emergency services & military vehicles. Free admission. Catering, sales stands, toilet facilities & free parking on site. Programme with timetables available to purchase on day. Free buses from/to Alton railway station connecting with trains from/to London Waterloo & Alresford. Free feeder services from Aldershot, Basingstoke, Fareham, Farnham, Guildford & Winchester. Details: Alton Bus Rally, 23 Somertons Close, Guildford GU2 9YB, altonbusrally@hotmail.co.uk or www.altonbusrally.org.uk

**Ipswich Transport Museum. The Big Red Bus Day.** Commemorating the centenary of motorbus operation by Eastern Counties & its successors. 11.00-16.00. Admission £7, child £4.50, concession £6, family £20 (up to 2+3). Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk or www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk



**Sunday 21 July**

**Oxford Bus Museum. Open Day.** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30 & 14.30. Open 10.30-16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

**Fleetwood Festival of Transport (Tram Sunday).** Lord Street/North Albert Street, Fleetwood Lancs FY7 6DU. Details/entry forms: [www.tramsunday.co.uk](http://www.tramsunday.co.uk)

**Friday/Saturday 26/27 July**

**London Transport Museum. Discovery Tours at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Tickets must be pre-booked online or via Ticket Office 020 7565 7298 (10.00-17.30 daily). U16 must be accompanied by adult. Details: 020 7565 7298 or [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

**Saturday 27 July**

**Essex Bus Rally & The Londoner in the Country Show.** Barleylands Farm Park, Billericay, Essex CM11 2UD. 10.00-16.00. Admission £5 on the day, advance purchase of £3.95 will be available via the Visions International website ([www.visionsinternational.biz](http://www.visionsinternational.biz)). Accompanied children free. Details: [www.essexbusrally.com](http://www.essexbusrally.com) or Facebook

**Leicester Bus Running Day & First Leicester Open Day.** First Leicester Abbey Lane Depot, LE4 ODA. Vintage local bus rides, display of buses & coaches & sales stalls. Details: Leicester Transport Heritage Trust [www.ltht.org.uk](http://www.ltht.org.uk), info@ltht.org.uk, 07891 071908 or 0116 275 1642.

**London Transport Museum. Art & Poster Tours at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Details: [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

**Saturday/Sunday 27/28 July**

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Gathering Trolleyday (Saturday), Sandtoft Gathering 2019 (Sunday).** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: [www.sandtoft.org.uk](http://www.sandtoft.org.uk)

**Sunday 28 July**

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. Open Day.** Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. Free Centreshuttle 5 bus operating from Shudehill Interchange (Stand E) from 10.52. Details: [www.motgm.co.uk](http://www.motgm.co.uk) or 0161 205 2122

**Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway. Bus Rally & Running Day.** The GWSR Station, Toddington, Gloucestershire GL54 5DT. Parking also available at Cheltenham Racecourse Park & Ride then short walk to station. Details/entries: david\_r\_martin2000@yahoo.co.uk

**Worthing Seafront Bus Gathering & Running Day.** Details: [www.worthingbusrally.co.uk](http://www.worthingbusrally.co.uk)

**Friday-Sunday 2-4 August**

**Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza.** South Cerney Airfield near Cirencester, Glos. Catering for all vintage vehicle enthusiasts & includes large bus & coach section. Free rides around site. Free connecting bus services from Kemble railway station & Cirencester town centre. Details: [www.glosvintageextravaganza.co.uk](http://www.glosvintageextravaganza.co.uk). Vehicle entry forms: bus\_coach.svttec@yahoo.com or John Hitchings 07746 412555



Carrying a full set of contemporary adverts is former London Transport Country Area RT4779 (OLD 566), a 1954 Weymann-bodied AEC Regent III 0961RT.

**Sunday 4 August**

**Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust. Family & Community Fun Day.** 11.00-16.00. Admission £5, child/OAP £3, family £12. Details: Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust, 76 Fordneuk Street, Glasgow G40 3AH, info@gvvt.org or [www.gvvt.org](http://www.gvvt.org)

**Tinkers Park Bus Rally & Model Railway Show.** Tinkers Park, Hadlow Down, Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 4HS. 10.00-16.30. Admission £7, U16 £2. Model railway show with at least 20 layouts. Narrow gauge railway offering free rides. Traction engine/trailer rides; Free bus service to & from site. Free car parking & various transport-related stands. Organ Museum, programmes & on-site light refreshments. Details: [www.southdownnational.com](http://www.southdownnational.com) or [www.tinkerspark.com](http://www.tinkerspark.com). Vehicle & bus-related trade stands: Paul Llewellyn, 'Oakview', Luxford Lane, Crowborough TN6 2PJ

**Stokes Bay, Gosport. Provincial Society Annual Bus Rally.** Free vintage bus rides around area, transport stalls, children's amusements, a cavalcade around Gosport & large display of static buses & coaches. Free entry. 10.00-16.30. Details/entry forms: rally@provincialsociety.org or Provincial Society Rally, 30 Harvey Crescent, Warsash, Hampshire SO31 9TA (SAE please)

**Oxford Bus Museum. Open Day.** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30 & 14.30. Open 10.30-16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

**Devon General Centenary Bus Rally & Running Day.** Newton Abbot Racecourse. 10.00-16.00. Devon General, Grey Cars & Exeter City Transport vehicles plus other West Country fleets. Free entry, free parking, free rides, sales stalls, cafe on site. Free bus service from/to Newton Abbot railway station. Details: Devon General Society [www.devongeneral.org.uk](http://www.devongeneral.org.uk) or Facebook

**Saturday 10 August**

**Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum.** Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 9LE. 12.00-16.00. Details: [www.delaineheritagetrust.org](http://www.delaineheritagetrust.org)

**Saturday/Sunday 10/11 August**

**National Tramway Museum. World War II – Home Front Event.** Re-enactors, music & vehicles from the 1940s. 10.00-17.30. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: enquiry@tramway.co.uk, 01773 854321 or [www.tramway.co.uk](http://www.tramway.co.uk). No free re-entry for this event.

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Blues & Twos Weekend Trolleydays Plus.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: [www.sandtoft.org.uk](http://www.sandtoft.org.uk)

**Sunday 11 August**

**Dewsbury Bus Museum Summer Spectacular at the Mill Outlet Batley.** Admission by programme £3, accompanied children free. Advance copy available for £4 by cheque payable to West Riding Omnibus Museum Trust, 47E Dale Street, Ossett WF5 9HE. 10.00-16.30. Free services & tours. Free shuttle service from Dewsbury South Street & railway station to Ravensthorpe Museum building & the Mill Outlet. Up to 25 vehicles in service & large selection of visiting buses & trade stalls at the Mill Outlet & Museum building. Museum café, tombola & much more. Visiting vehicles welcome, large free coach park at the Mill Outlet. Free feeder services from Bradford, Castleford, Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley, Leeds, Pontefract & Wakefield. Details: [www.dewsburybusmuseum.org](http://www.dewsburybusmuseum.org) or Facebook. Call 01924 265528 to book in a vehicle for free services

**South Yorkshire Transport Museum. Open Day.** Unit 9, Waddington Way, Aldwarke, Rotherham S65 3SH. 10.30-16.00. Shop & café open. Free heritage shuttle bus from Rotherham, Greasbrough Road (The Trades), hourly 10.45-14.45. Admission £5, concession £3.50, accompanied u16 free. Details: 07828 068484, info@sytm.co.uk or [www.sytm.co.uk](http://www.sytm.co.uk)

**Ipswich Transport Museum. Rock Around the 1950s.** 1950s-themed event focusing on vehicles of the period. Visiting cars, lorries & buses invited. Reduced admission prices for visitors in period costume! 11.00-16.00. Admission £7, child £4.50, concession £6, family £20 (up to 2+3). Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk or [www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk)

**Hooton Park Trust Hangers Running Day.** Located off M53 Junction 6. 10.00-16.00. Selection of buses on display & giving rides around the Wirral. Stalls & light refreshments. Aiming to display as many ex-Crosville buses as possible. Details: John Nolan 0151 639 4929 or [johnnolan201@talktalk.net](mailto:johnnolan201@talktalk.net)





Former Reading Corporation 193 (VRD 193), a 1961 Burlingham-bodied Sunbeam F4A seen operating at The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft, was the last trolleybus to enter Reading service and is also believed to carry the final double-deck body built by Burlingham.

#### **Sildon, County Durham. Display of vintage buses at Locomotion.**

Aycliffe & District Bus Preservation Society. Stalls in the Collections Building. Free vintage bus tours from the site. Rail services between Darlington & Bishop Auckland call at Sildon station, next to Locomotion. Details: [www.aycliffebus.org.uk](http://www.aycliffebus.org.uk), [www.nrm.org.uk/PlanaVisit/VisitSildon.aspx](http://www.nrm.org.uk/PlanaVisit/VisitSildon.aspx), 01325 317 657 or [ian.wiggett@aycliffebus.org.uk](mailto:ian.wiggett@aycliffebus.org.uk)

**17th WHOTT Rally & 5th Dorchester Running Day.** West Country Historic Omnibus & Transport Trust (WHOTT). Top o' Town car park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XT. 10.00-16.00. Free buses to surrounding destinations. Exhibitors are asked to pre-register: [rally@busmuseum.org.uk](mailto:rally@busmuseum.org.uk). Details: [www.buseum.org.uk](http://www.buseum.org.uk)

**Canvey Transport Spectacular.** Waterside Farm, Canvey Island. All kinds of road transport; visiting buses & coaches welcome. Details: [info@castlepointtransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:info@castlepointtransportmuseum.co.uk), [www.castlepointtransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.castlepointtransportmuseum.co.uk) or Facebook

#### **Wednesday 14 August**

**National Tramway Museum. Horse Tram Day.** 1874 Sheffield Horse Tram 15 in passenger service 11.00-13.00 & 14.00-16.00. Additional cost £1pp to ride on horse tram. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: [enquiry@tramway.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@tramway.co.uk), 01773 854321 or [www.tramway.co.uk](http://www.tramway.co.uk)

#### **Saturday 17 August**

**Warminster, Wilts. Imberbus.** Half-hourly service of Routemasters & several guest vehicles from Warminster railway station to the abandoned village of Imber. Most services continue to other remote destinations on Salisbury Plain. Service operated by Bath Bus Company with support of other leading bus companies. Details: [www.imberbus.wordpress.com](http://www.imberbus.wordpress.com). Timetable on website at least two weeks before event. Paper timetable copy can be obtained from UK Transport Services, 4 Saxon's Acre, Warminster BA12 8HT after 1 August on receipt of a 9" x 4" SAE.

#### **Saturday/Sunday 17/18 August**

**National Tramway Museum. Models Weekend.** Model tram & railway exhibition in Exhibition Hall (David Gould layout). 10.00-17.30. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: [enquiry@tramway.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@tramway.co.uk), 01773 854321 or [www.tramway.co.uk](http://www.tramway.co.uk)

**Scottish Vintage Bus Museum. Open Weekend & Transport Collectors Fair.** Lathalmond, Fife KY12 0SJ. Details: 01383 623380 or [www.svbm.org.uk](http://www.svbm.org.uk)

#### **Sunday 18 August**

**East Anglia Transport Museum. 999 Day.** 11.00-17.00. Local emergency services displays, demonstrations & supporting stands. Vintage emergency vehicles running alongside modern equipment. Trams, trolleybuses & train operating. Free park & ride service. Free bus services to Lowestoft. BBQ in the park. East Anglia Transport Museum, Chapel Rd, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 8BL. Details: 01502 518459, [admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk) or [www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk)

**Key Publishing Buses 2019 Festival.** Heritage Motor Centre, Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwickshire CV35 0BJ. 10.00-17.00. Vehicle displays, trade stalls, free rides around the centre & local scenic routes. Ticket price includes access to Museum, parking & courtesy bus from Leamington Spa railway station. Trade Stand booking & enquiries: Julie Lawson 01780 755131 or [Julie.lawson@keypublishing.com](mailto:Julie.lawson@keypublishing.com). Further details available at: [www.busesfestival.com](http://www.busesfestival.com)

**Kent & East Sussex Railway. Bus Rally at Tenterden Town railway station.** Vintage vehicles providing free local rides. Details: [www.kesr.org.uk/events/bus-rally](http://www.kesr.org.uk/events/bus-rally)

**Oxford Bus Museum. Open Day.** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30 & 14.30. Open 10.30-16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

#### **Friday/Saturday 23/24 August**

**London Transport Museum. Discovery Tours at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Tickets must be pre-booked online or via Ticket Office 020 7565 7298 (10.00-17.30 daily). U16 must be accompanied by adult. Details: 020 7565 7298 or [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

#### **Saturday- Bank Holiday Monday 24-26 August**

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. August Bank Holiday Weekend Trolleydays.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: [www.sandtoft.org.uk](http://www.sandtoft.org.uk)

#### **Sunday 25 August**

**Colne Valley Railway Transport Day.** Castle Hedingham, Halstead, Essex CO9 3DZ. 10.30-16.30. Open to all types of vehicles. Admission £10, seniors £7.50, children £5, family (2A+2C) £27.50. Details/entry forms: [info@colnevalleyrailway.co.uk](mailto:info@colnevalleyrailway.co.uk)

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. Open Day.** Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. Free Centreshuttle 5 bus operating from Shudehill Interchange (Stand E) from 10.52. Details: [www.motgm.org.uk](http://www.motgm.org.uk) or 0161 205 2122



**Sunday/Bank Holiday Monday 25/26 August**

**Transport Museum Wythall. Summer Special.** 10.30–17.00 (last admission 16.30). Running as many classic buses as we can & miniature steam railway rides. Museum bus service 750 operates both days from Holloway Circus (Suffolk St Queensway, near New Alexandra Theatre), Birmingham, 10.30 & 11.45 (fare £2.50 each way) & Maypole 10.50 & 12.05. Admission £7, child £3.50, Family tickets available. Admission & all-day bus riding ticket £12, child £6. Details: The Transport Museum, Chapel Lane, Wythall B47 6JA, 01564 826471, enquiries@wythall.org.uk or www.wythall.org.uk

**National Tramway Museum. Classic Transport Gathering.** Welcoming classic vehicles built prior to 1979 (pre-booking required, see website for full details). 10.00–17.30. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4–15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4–15 £7.50. Details: enquiry@tramway.co.uk, 01773 854321 or www.tramway.co.uk

**Bank Holiday Monday 26 August**

**Ribble 100 Lytham Hall Vintage Bus Day.** Lytham Hall, Ballam Road, Lytham FY8 4TQ. 10.00–16.00. Free bus services connecting the Hall with Lytham town centre, Fairhaven Lake & St Annes Square. Bus & coach display. Free entry to Hall. Details: www.rvpt.co.uk

**Seaburn Bus Rally.** Seaburn Recreation Ground. Details: www.nebpt.co.uk

**Sunday 1 September**

**Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust. Open Sunday.** 11.00–16.00. Admission £5, child/OAP £3, family £12. Details: Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust, 76 Fordneuk Street, Glasgow G40 3AH, info@gvvt.org or www.gvvt.org

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. Trans Lancs Transport Show.** Heaton Park, Manchester, featuring classic & modern transport. Museum at Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. Free heritage bus service between Museum & Heaton Park (Middleton Rd Gates). Park admission free, standard admission charges at Museum. Details: 0161 205 2122, email@gmts.co.uk or www.motgm.co.uk

**Oxford Bus Museum. Fathers' Day in Australasia.** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30 & 14.30. Free entry for fathers from Down Under with paying child. Open 10.30–16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk

**Weston-Super-Mare. Coaches to the Seaside.** Vehicle display at the Helicopter Museum, Weston-Super-Mare (close to the M5). Coaches preferred, but all vehicles welcome. Free services from Museum to seafront, connecting with a running day using Ford Transits, open-toppers & other buses. Badgerline & steam vehicles with Crosville's steam bus in action. Mass coach departure from seafront (Tropicana) at 16.00. Details: Kelvin Amos ka92@blueyonder.co.uk



Heading north along Blackpool's North Promenade is Blackpool Heritage Tram Tours 600, the prototype 1934 English Electric open 'Boat' new to Blackpool Corporation as its No 225.

**Ipswich Transport Museum. Ride a Fire Engine Day.** Free rides on the museum's fire engines. Selection of visiting machines. 11.00–16.00. Admission £7, child £4.50, concession £6, family £20 (up to 2+3). Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk or www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk

**Salisbury, Wilts. CTP Autumn Road Run.** Start & finish at Salisbury Livestock Market, Netherhampton Road, Salisbury SP2 8RH. Starts 10.30. Organised by. Details/entries: Commercial Transport in Preservation Events Organiser Mary Bailey 01747 823365, m.bailey1950@btinternet.com or www.thectp.org.uk

**Swansea Bus Museum. Classic Bike Show.** Unit 2, Viking Way, Winch Wen Industrial Estate, Winch Wen, Swansea SA1 7DA. Details: www.swanseabusmuseum.com, secretary@sbm.wales or 01792 732832

**Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway. Bus Rally.** Details: www.rhdr.org.uk

**Severn Valley Railway, Bewdley, Worcs. On the Buses.** Classic Bus & Coach Day at Bewdley railway station. Display of historic & modern buses. Sales & information stands. Free bus rides around Bewdley & Stourport-on-Severn. Details: www.svr.co.uk

**Saturday 7 September**

**Enfield Transport Bazaar.** St. Paul's Centre, 102 Church Street, Enfield EN2 6AR. Junction of Church Street, Chase Side & Windmill Hill. Two mins walk from Enfield Chase railway station or ten mins from Enfield Town railway station. All buses serving Enfield Town stop within five mins walk. Up to 40 stalls selling transport books, photos, DVDs, maps, timetables, tickets & other memorabilia. Light refreshments. 11.00–14.30. Admission £3, accompanied children free. Details: NLETE, 8, The Rowans, Palmers Green, N13 5AD (with SAE) or nleevents@outlook.com

**Saturday/Sunday 7/8 September**

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Weekend Trolleydays.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: www.sandtoft.org.uk

**Sunday 8 September**

**Epping Ongar Railway. London 60s Scene.** North Weald railway station. Routes to local towns & villages. Standard fares apply. All-day bus rover £10. Details: www.eorailway.co.uk

**South Yorkshire Transport Museum. Open Day & Classic Vehicle Gathering.** Unit 9, Waddington Way, Aldwarke, Rotherham S65 3SH. 10.30–16.00. Shop & café open. Free heritage shuttle bus from Rotherham, Greasbrough Road (The Trades), hourly 10.45–14.45. Admission £5, concession £3.50, accompanied u16 free. Details: 07828 068484, info@sytm.co.uk or www.sytm.co.uk

**Annual Potteries Connection Running Day.** Gladstone Pottery Museum, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent. Details: potteriesops@gmail.com

**National Tramway Museum. Horse Tram Day.** 1874 Sheffield Horse Tram 15 in passenger service 11.00–13.00 & 14.00–16.00. Additional cost £1pp to ride on horse tram. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4–15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4–15 £7.50. Details: enquiry@tramway.co.uk, 01773 854321 or www.tramway.co.uk

**High Easter, Essex. Bedford Bus & Coach Day.** Lodge Coaches, The Garage, High Easter CM1 4QR. Open to all Bedford coach & bus types. 10.00–17.00. Rides expected on Lodge's Bedford heritage fleet. Visiting vehicles must be pre-booked with Lodge Coaches: 01245 231262 or administrator@lodgecoaches.co.uk. Classic bus link to Epping Ongar Railway's London's 60s Scene event.

**Western Welsh 90.** Bus Depot, Barry CF62 7AH. 10.00–16.00. Depot open day & running day. Display of surviving Western Welsh vehicles to commemorate the company's 1929 creation. Western Welsh vehicles invited – owners please contact: www.ctpg.co.uk or mikeystrad73@btinternet.com

**Blackpool Vehicle Preservation Group.** Static display of buses, commercials & militaries, with judging. South Promenade, Lytham St Annes FY8 1NP. Details: bvpbg@hotmail.co.uk or www.bvpbg.co.uk

**Annual Liverpool Running Day.** Merseyside PTE, Crosville & Ribble theme. Services from the Pier Head (Mann Island). Details: www.mttrust.co.uk. Programme available in advance or on day





Ex-Southdown 1205 (UF 6805), a 1930 Short Bros-bodied Tilling-Stevens B10A2 'Express', is owned by the Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre-based Southdown Omnibus Trust. The Museum's Autumn Bus Running Day is an ideal opportunity for visitors to sample the Trust's and other vehicles around the site.

#### Friday/Saturday 13/14 September

**London Transport Museum. Discovery Tours at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Tickets must be pre-booked online or via Ticket Office 020 7565 7298 (10.00-17.30 daily). U16 must be accompanied by adult. Details: 020 7565 7298 or [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

#### Saturday 14 September

**London Transport Museum. Art & Poster Tours at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Details: [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

**Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum.** Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 9LE. 12.00-16.00. Details: [www.delaineheritagetrust.org](http://www.delaineheritagetrust.org)

**LVVS meets the people of Lincolnshire – Grantham.** Ex-Lincolnshire Road Car buses running free services from Grantham town centre. Details: 01522 500566, [www.lvvs.org.uk](http://www.lvvs.org.uk), [info@lvvs.org.uk](mailto:info@lvvs.org.uk), Facebook or Twitter

**Oxford Bus Museum. Oxford Open Doors.** Free vintage bus rides in Oxford city centre. Details: 01296 337622 or [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

#### Saturday/Sunday 14/15 September

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. Heritage Open Days.** Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. 10.00-16.30. Details: 0161 205 2122, [email@gmts.co.uk](mailto:email@gmts.co.uk) or [www.motgm.uk](http://www.motgm.uk)

**Northampton Transport Heritage.** Free classic bus services from George Row in connection with Heritage Open Days. 0930-1630. Details: [www.NTHeritage.org](http://www.NTHeritage.org), [NTHeritage@talktalk.net](mailto:NTHeritage@talktalk.net) or Facebook

**National Tramway Museum. Steampunk Weekend.** Alternative history combining science fantasy. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: [enquiry@tramway.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@tramway.co.uk), 01773 854321 or [www.tramway.co.uk](http://www.tramway.co.uk)

#### Sunday 15 September

**Oxford Bus Museum Open Day** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30 & 14.30. Open 10.30-16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

**Eastleigh Toy & Train Collectors Fair.** Barton Peveril Sixth Form College, Chestnut Avenue SO50 5ZA. 10.00-14.30. Details: 01380 725322, 07958 101891, or [clementsairs@aol.com](mailto:clementsairs@aol.com)

**St. Helens. North West Museum of Road Transport. Family Fun Day.** North West Museum of Road Transport, The Old Bus Depot, 51 Hall Street, St Helens WA10 1DU. Details: [www.nwmort.co.uk](http://www.nwmort.co.uk) or 01744 451681

#### Monday 16 September

**National Tramway Museum. Horse Tram Day.** 1874 Sheffield Horse Tram 15 in passenger service 11.00-13.00 & 14.00-16.00. Additional cost £1pp to ride on horse tram. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: [enquiry@tramway.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@tramway.co.uk), 01773 854321 or [www.tramway.co.uk](http://www.tramway.co.uk)

#### Saturday 21 September

**12th Kingsbridge 7'6" Vintage Bus Running Day.** Kingsbridge Bus Station, The Quay. Services to Bigbury, Hope Cove, Slapton, Salcombe, East Portlemouth, South Pool, Totnes & Thurstlestone. Additional timings, duplicates & new routes for 2019. Details/entries: Thames Valley & Great Western Omnibus Trust, Ledger Farm, Forest Green Road, Fifield, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 2NR, 07990 505373, [enquiries@tvagwot.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tvagwot.org.uk) or [www.tvagwot.org.uk](http://www.tvagwot.org.uk)

#### Saturday/Sunday 21/22 September

**East Anglia Transport Museum. Trolleybus weekend.** Saturday 12.00-21.00. Sunday 11.00-17.00. All available trolleybuses be running. After dark running on Saturday under old-fashioned street lights. Free park & ride service. Free bus services to Beccles & Lowestoft. BBQ in the park. Trade stands, static exhibits & visiting vehicles. East Anglia Transport Museum, Chapel Rd, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 8BL. Details: 01502 518459, [admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk) or [www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk)

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. Heritage Open Days.** Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. 10.00-16.30. Details: 0161 205 2122, [email@gmts.co.uk](mailto:email@gmts.co.uk) or [www.motgm.uk](http://www.motgm.uk)

**National Tramway Museum. Crich 60th Anniversary.** Celebrating 60 years of the Tramway Museum Society at Crich. Many operational trams running. Model trams running in Exhibition Hall (Robert Whetstone layouts). Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: [enquiry@tramway.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@tramway.co.uk), 01773 854321 or [www.tramway.co.uk](http://www.tramway.co.uk)

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Weekend Trolleydays.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: [www.sandtoft.org.uk](http://www.sandtoft.org.uk)

#### Sunday 22 September

**Northampton Transport Heritage.** 2nd static display of buses on the Market Square, Northampton. Free local classic bus services. 1000-1600. Details: [www.NTHeritage.org](http://www.NTHeritage.org), [NTHeritage@talktalk.net](mailto:NTHeritage@talktalk.net) or Facebook

**Amberley Museum. Autumn Bus Show & Running Day.** Vehicles on display & running within museum grounds. Stalls, refreshments. Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre, Bury, West Sussex BN18 9LT. Details: 01798 831370, [office@amberleymuseum.co.uk](mailto:office@amberleymuseum.co.uk) or [www.amberleymuseum.co.uk](http://www.amberleymuseum.co.uk)





The North West Museum of Road Transport contains several vehicles from the St Helens Corporation fleet including 260 (JDJ 260K), a 1972 Marshall-bodied AEC Swift 3MP2R.

### Sunday 22 September

**Swansea Bus Museum. Best of Buses.** Unit 2, Viking Way, Winch Wen Industrial Estate, Winch Wen, Swansea SA1 7DA. Details: [www.swanseabusmuseum.com](http://www.swanseabusmuseum.com), [secretary@sbm.wales](mailto:secretary@sbm.wales) or 01792 732832

### Friday-Sunday 27-29 September

**Epping Ongar Railway. 25 Years in the Making.** Marking closure of Epping to Ongar line by London Underground 25 years ago on 30 September 1994. Plans underway to include visiting locomotives & intensive bus & train timetables. Special fares will apply. Details: [www.eorailway.co.uk](http://www.eorailway.co.uk)

### Saturday 28 September

**The Delaine Heritage Bus Running Day.** Delaine Heritage Fleet will operate every 30 mins between Bourne Delaine Depot/Bus Museum & Stamford bus station via Essendine 0920-1700. Heritage Day Rover £6. Free tours along sections of route 301 to Rippingale every 30 mins 1100-1500 featuring Delaine Yeates-bodied Leyland Tiger Cub & guest vehicles. Delaine Bus Museum open 0900-1700. Details: [www.delaineheritagetrust.org](http://www.delaineheritagetrust.org)

**Windsor International Toy & Train Fair.** Windsor Leisure Centre, Clewer Mead, Stovell Road, Windsor SL4 5JB. 10.30-15.30. Admission £3, concession £2.50, early (09.00) £7. Details/table booking: 07825 564960 or [www.windsortoyfair.co.uk](http://www.windsortoyfair.co.uk)

### Saturday/Sunday 28/29 September

**London Transport Museum. All Change! Open Weekend at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Details: [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

### Sunday 29 September

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. Standard Triumph Show.** Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. 10.00-16.30. Details: 0161 205 2122, [email@gmts.co.uk](mailto:email@gmts.co.uk) or [www.motgm.co.uk](http://www.motgm.co.uk)

**Showbus International.** Hertfordshire Showground, Redbourn, Herts. Details: [www.showbus.com](http://www.showbus.com)

### Saturday 5 October

**Ipswich Transport Museum. Classic Vehicles Day.** Informal gathering of museum & visiting vehicles, classic cars & light commercials. Free local bus tours. 11.00-16.00. Admission £7, child £4.50, concession £6, family £20 (up to 2+3). Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, [enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk) or [www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk)

### Saturday/Sunday 5/6 October

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Weekend Trolleydays.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: [www.sandtoft.org.uk](http://www.sandtoft.org.uk)

### Sunday 6 October

**Transport Museum Wythall. WMPTE 50.** Marking change from municipal to PTE operation. 10.30-17.00 (last admission 16.30). Classic bus & miniature steam railway rides. Museum bus service 750 operates from Holloway Circus (Suffolk St Queensway, near New Alexandra Theatre), Birmingham, 10.30 & 11.45 (fare £2.50 each way) & Maypole 10.50 & 12.05. Admission £7, child £3.50, Family tickets available. Admission & all-day bus riding ticket £12, child £6. Details: The Transport Museum, Chapel Lane, Wythall B47 6JA, 01564 826471, [enquiries@wythall.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wythall.org.uk) or [www.wythall.org.uk](http://www.wythall.org.uk)

**Thornes Independent 70th Anniversary Run.** The Coach Station, Hemingbrough, Selby YO8 6QG to Elvington Air Museum. Entries invited from buses, coaches, commercials & cars over 20 years old. Details: 01757 630777 or [www.thornes.info](http://www.thornes.info)

**The Wirral Bus & Tram Show.** Birkenhead Transport Museum, Taylor Street, Birkenhead. 10.00-16.00. Bus display, free bus rides, stalls & light refreshments. Tram rides (small charge for tram ride). Details: John Nolan 0151 639 4929 or [johnnolan201@talktalk.net](mailto:johnnolan201@talktalk.net)

### Saturday 12 October

**Theydon Bois. Transport Bazaar.** Theydon Bois Village Hall, Coppice Row, Essex CM16 7ER. 11.00-15.30. Five mins level walk from Theydon Bois Central Line Station (LU Zone 6). Up to 40 stalls selling bus & railway memorabilia, books, photos, maps, timetables, etc. Admission £3, accompanied children free. Refreshments available. Large public car park next to hall. Please note it is no longer possible to provide bus displays & rides at this event. Details: NLETE, 8 The Rowans, Palmers Green, N13 5AD (please enclose SAE) or [nleevents@outlook.com](mailto:nleevents@outlook.com)

**Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum.** Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 9LE. 12.00-16.00. Details: [www.delaineheritagetrust.org](http://www.delaineheritagetrust.org)

**Pennine Buses Return (Provisional date).** Free services from Skipton. Details: [www.avtg.co.uk](http://www.avtg.co.uk)

### Saturday/Sunday 12/13 October

**Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust. Open Weekend.** Bridgeton Bus Garage, Broad Street, Glasgow. 10.00-17.00. Sales stalls, visiting vehicles, Clippie's Café. Stallholders & limited number of visiting vehicles welcome & must register via website or address below. Frequent free bus service linking Bridgeton Garage, Glasgow city centre & the Riverside Museum. Admission £8, child/OAP £5, family £20. Weekend ticket £13, child/OAP £8 (no weekend family ticket). Details: Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust, 76 Fordneuk Street, Glasgow G40 3AH, [info@gvvt.org](mailto:info@gvvt.org) or [www.gvvt.org](http://www.gvvt.org)

**Isle of Wight Classic Buses, Beer & Walks Weekend 2019.** Multiple Island locations served by buses from at least three interchanges. Details: [www.iwbeerandbuses.co.uk](http://www.iwbeerandbuses.co.uk)

### Sunday 13 October

**South Yorkshire Transport Museum. Open Day.** Unit 9, Waddington Way, Aldwarke, Rotherham S65 3SH. 10.30-16.00. Shop & café open. Free heritage shuttle bus from Rotherham, Greasbrough Road (The Trades), hourly 10.45-14.45. Admission £5, concession £3.50, accompanied u16 free. Details: 07828 068484, [info@sytm.co.uk](mailto:info@sytm.co.uk) or [www.sytm.co.uk](http://www.sytm.co.uk)

**National Tramway Museum.** Tram Models running in Exhibition Hall (David Gould layout plus visiting tram models). 10.00-17.30. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: [enquiry@tramway.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@tramway.co.uk), 01773 854321 or [www.tramway.co.uk](http://www.tramway.co.uk)

**Canvey Island. Big Wheels 2019.** Annual end-of-season open day with bus, coach & commercial vehicle rally at Canvey Island Transport Museum, 105 Point Road, Canvey Island, Essex SS8 7TD. Visiting vehicles display at Labworth Car Park. Free vintage & preserved bus link between display field & Museum building hosting trade stalls & further displays. Details: [info@castlepointtransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:info@castlepointtransportmuseum.co.uk), [www.castlepointtransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.castlepointtransportmuseum.co.uk) or Facebook

**14th Yorkshire Dales Vintage Bus & Coach Running Day.** Skipton. Details: Aire Valley Transport Group [www.avtg.co.uk](http://www.avtg.co.uk)

### Saturday 19 October

**Ipswich Transport Museum. Wheels by Lamplight.** Museum illuminated with hundreds of old oil & paraffin lamps. 17.30-21.00. Admission £7, concession £6 (Please note that children cannot be admitted to this event). Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, [enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk) or [www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk)

### Saturday/Sunday 19/20 October

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. Transpo 50.** Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. 10.00-16.30. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first PTEs. Sunday only Centreshuttle 4 bus operating from Corporation Street (stop NU) & Shudehill Interchange (Stand E) from 09.50. Details: 0161 205 2122, [email@gmts.co.uk](mailto:email@gmts.co.uk) or [www.motgm.co.uk](http://www.motgm.co.uk)



**Sunday 20 October**

**Aston Manor (Aldridge) Transport Museum. Autumn Leaves Running Day.** Details to follow nearer event. Shenstone Drive, off Northgate, Aldridge, West Midlands WS9 8TP. Admission £5, £2 children, £13 family ticket (2+3). Details: 01922 454761, [www.amrtm.org](http://www.amrtm.org) or Facebook

**London Bus Museum, Brooklands. Transportfest.** The AEC Story featuring all AEC vehicles. Event for all road transport vehicles, not just AEC. Horse & motor bus rides. Admission £13.50, children £7, senior/student £11.50, family £35. London Bus Museum, Brooklands Road, Weybridge KT13 0XP. Details: [www.londonbusmuseum.com](http://www.londonbusmuseum.com)

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Trolleyday Plus with Isle of Axholme Running Day & Rally.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. [www.sandtoft.org.uk](http://www.sandtoft.org.uk)

**Friday/Saturday 25/26 October**

**London Transport Museum. Discovery Tours at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Tickets must be pre-booked online or via Ticket Office 020 7565 7298 (10.00-17.30 daily). U16 must be accompanied by adult. Details: 020 7565 7298 or [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

**Saturday 26 October**

**15th Annual Samuel Ledgard Society Transport Collectors' Fair.** Pudsey Civic Hall, Cote Lane, Pudsey, near Leeds LS28 5TA. 10.00-15.00. Admission £2. Over 100 tables selling transport memorabilia. Details: Barry Rennison 0113 236 3695, [rennison@cc-email.co.uk](mailto:rennison@cc-email.co.uk) or [www.samuelledgardsociety.org.uk](http://www.samuelledgardsociety.org.uk)

**Transport Museum Wythall. Twilight Running Day.** 11.00-19.00 (last entry 18.00). Museum bus service 750 operates from Holloway Circus (Suffolk St Queensway, near New Alexandra Theatre), Birmingham, 11.45 & 15.40; return journeys from Wythall 15.00, 16.20 & 18.30 (fare £2.50 each way). Admission £7, child £3.50, family tickets available. Admission & all-day bus riding ticket £12, child £6. Details: The Transport Museum, Chapel Lane, Wythall B47 6JA, 01564 826471, [enquiries@wythall.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wythall.org.uk) or [www.wythall.org.uk](http://www.wythall.org.uk)

**East Anglia Transport Museum. Halloween Event.** 15.00 – 21.00. Free witch hunt with prize for every child. Extra treats for children in fancy dress. Late running of vintage vehicle fleet is a chilling experience as the woods come alive with the spirits of All Hallows Eve. East Anglia Transport Museum, Chapel Rd, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 8BL. Details: 01502 518459, [admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk) or [www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk)

**Sunday 27 October**

**Reading Vintage Toy Fair.** Rivermead Leisure Centre, Richfield Avenue, Reading RG1 8EQ. 10.30-15.00. Parking & refreshments. Admission £4, accompanied u16 free. Details: Tony Oakes Fairs 01270 652773 or 07825 631323

**Bristol Vintage Bus Group. Autumn Mini Running Day.** Flowers Hill, Brislington. Details: [www.bvbg.co.uk](http://www.bvbg.co.uk)

**Monday-Saturday 28 October-2 November**

**National Tramway Museum Starlight Event.** Illuminations & early evening running trams through the week with varied activities each day. Crich Tramway Village, near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5DP. Admission £17.50, senior £14, child 4-15 £10.50, family (2A+3C) £40.50, less-abled adult/senior £11, less-abled child 4-15 £7.50. Details: [enquiry@tramway.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@tramway.co.uk), 01773 854321 or [www.tramway.co.uk](http://www.tramway.co.uk)

**Saturday 2 November**

**Aldenhams Transport Spectacular.** Allum Manor House & Hall, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree & Borehamwood WD6 3PJ. 10.00-16.00. Admission £3. Transport-related items for sale, hot & cold refreshments. Five mins walk from Elstree & Borehamwood railway station (Travelcard Zone 6). Details: [www.aldenhamtransport.com](http://www.aldenhamtransport.com) or Facebook

**Saturday/Sunday 2/3 November**

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Weekend Trolleydays.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: [www.sandtoft.org.uk](http://www.sandtoft.org.uk)

**Sunday 3 November**

**Lincolnshire Road Transport Museum. Transport Festival.** Whisby Road, North Hykeham, Lincoln. 10.00-17.00. Admission £8, accompanied u18 free. Displays, visiting vehicles, sales stands, refreshments. Variety of buses & coaches operating free services from Lincoln city centre. Park & ride from Teal Park, Whisby Road (just off A46 Lincoln by-pass/Whisby roundabout). Please use bus services - parking on site limited to blue badge holders. Visiting vintage, classic & preserved vehicles welcome, but buses, coaches & HGVs must be booked in advance. Details: 01522 500566, 01522 689497, 07984 872994, [www.lvvs.org.uk](http://www.lvvs.org.uk), [info@lvvs.org.uk](mailto:info@lvvs.org.uk), Facebook or Twitter

**Saturday 9 November**

**Bourne, Lincs. Delaine Bus Museum.** Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 9LE. 12.00-16.00. Details: [www.delaineheritagetrust.org](http://www.delaineheritagetrust.org)

**Sunday 10 November**

**Cosham, Portsmouth. Autumn Transport Fair.** Community Centre, Wootton Street, Cosham, Portsmouth PO6 3AP. 10.00-15.30. Admission £1.50. Stalls, free bus rides & light refreshments. Model Bus Federation display. Close to Cosham railway station. Convenient for A3/A27/M27/local buses. Details: [vtransportgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:vtransportgroup@btinternet.com) or Facebook

**Dewsbury Bus Museum. Autumn Running Day.** Admission by programme, £3 adult, accompanied children free. Advance copy £4 by cheque payable to West Riding Omnibus Museum Trust, 47E Dale Street. Ossett. WF5 9HE. 10.00-16.30. Free services & tours. Large bus static display area. Free shuttle service from Dewsbury South Street to Ravensthorpe museum building. Up to 25 vehicles in service & large selection of visiting buses. Trade stalls, museum café, tombola & more. Visiting vehicles welcome. Free feeder services from Bradford, Castleford, Halifax, Huddersfield, Keighley, Leeds, Pontefract & Wakefield. Details: [www.dewsburybusmuseum.org](http://www.dewsburybusmuseum.org) or Facebook. Call 01924 265528 to book in a vehicle for free services

**South Yorkshire Transport Museum. Open Day.** Unit 9, Waddington Way, Aldwarke, Rotherham S65 3SH. 10.30-16.00. Shop & café open. Free heritage shuttle bus from Rotherham, Greasbrough Road (The Trades), hourly 10.45-14.45. Admission £5, concession £3.50, accompanied u16 free. Details: 07828 068484, [info@sytm.co.uk](mailto:info@sytm.co.uk) or [www.sytm.co.uk](http://www.sytm.co.uk)

**Saturday 16 November**

**5th Annual Northampton Transport Collectors Fair.** Abington Church Hall, Park Avenue North, Northampton. 1000-1600. Admission £1.50. Over 30 tables of transport interest. Refreshments & vintage bus rides. Stagecoach bus 16 to Ecton Brook stops outside. Details/stall bookings: Steve Loveridge, 794 Preservation Group, 75 Bakers Crescent, Irchester NN29 7BA.

**Enfield Transport Bazaar.** St. Paul's Centre, 102 Church Street, Enfield EN2 6AR. Junction of Church Street, Chase Side & Windmill Hill. Two mins walk from Enfield Chase railway station or ten mins from Enfield Town railway station. All buses serving Enfield Town stop within five mins walk. Up to 40 stalls selling transport books, photos, DVDs, maps, timetables, tickets & other memorabilia. Light refreshments. 11.00-14.30. Admission £3, accompanied children free. Details: NLETE, 8, The Rowans, Palmers Green, N13 5AD (with SAE) or [nlevents@outlook.com](mailto:nlevents@outlook.com)

**The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Twilight & After Dark Trolleyday.** Sandtoft, nr Doncaster. Details: [www.sandtoft.org.uk](http://www.sandtoft.org.uk)

**Sunday 17 November**

**Ipswich Transport Museum Classic Buses & Coaches.** Focusing on buses & coaches from 1940s to present day. Rides on museum & visiting vehicles. 11.00-16.00. Admission £7, child £4.50, concession £6, family £20 (up to 2+3). Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, [enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk) or [www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk)

**Sunday 17 November**

**Devizes Toy & Train Collectors Fair.** Corn Exchange, Market Place, Devizes SN10 1HS. 10.00-14.00. Refreshments. Admission £2. Details: 01380 725322, 07958 101891 or [clementsairs@aol.com](mailto:clementsairs@aol.com)



1937 Daimler COG5/Metro-Cammell No 1107 (CVP 207) is the last complete survivor of 800 similar buses purchased before World War 2. PHILIP LAMB



**Friday/Saturday 22/23 November**

**London Transport Museum. Discovery Tours at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Tickets must be pre-booked online or via Ticket Office 020 7565 7298 (10.00-17.30 daily). U16 must be accompanied by adult. Details: 020 7565 7298 or [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

**Saturday 23 November**

**London Transport Museum. Art & Poster Tours at Acton Depot.** Museum Depot, Acton Town, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane W3 9BQ. Details: [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

**Sunday 24 November**

**Aston Manor (Aldridge) Transport Museum. Annual Collectors' Fair.** Free bus service from Walsall. Shenstone Drive, off Northgate, Aldridge, West Midlands WS9 8TP. Admission £3, £2 children, £9 family ticket (2+3). Details: 01922 454761, [www.amrtm.org](http://www.amrtm.org) or Facebook

**Sunday 1 December**

**Ipswich Transport Museum. The Christmas Cracker.** Ride vintage fire engines & buses. Meet Santa in his grotto (£1 extra, includes gift). 11.00-16.00. Admission £7, child £4.50, concession £6, family £20 (up to 2+3). Ipswich Transport Museum, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JD. Details: 01473 715666, [enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk) or [www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk)

**Saturday/Sunday 7/8 December**

**Museum of Transport Greater Manchester. The Christmas Cracker.** Boyle Street, Cheetham, Manchester M8 8UW. 10.00-16.30. Transport collectors' fair. Vehicle display. Free Centreshuttle 4 bus operating from Corporation Street (stop NU) & Shudehill Interchange (Stand E) from 09.50. Details: 0161 205 2122, [email@gmts.co.uk](mailto:email@gmts.co.uk) or [www.motgm.co.uk](http://www.motgm.co.uk)

**Sunday 8 December**

**South Yorkshire Transport Museum. Open Day** including 1940s Christmas displays. Unit 9, Waddington Way, Aldwarke, Rotherham S65 3SH. 10.30-16.00. Shop & café open. Free heritage shuttle bus from Rotherham, Greasbrough Road (The Trades), hourly 10.45-14.45. Admission £5, concession £3.50, accompanied u16 free. Tel: 07828 068484, [info@sytm.co.uk](mailto:info@sytm.co.uk) or [www.sytm.co.uk](http://www.sytm.co.uk)

**Oxford Bus Museum. Father Christmas visits the Museum.** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30, 12.30 & 14.30. See website for more details. Open 10.30-16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

**Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December**

**St. Helens. North West Museum of Road Transport. Father Christmas Weekend.** North West Museum of Road Transport, The Old Bus Depot, 51 Hall Street, St Helens WA10 1DU. Details: [www.nwmort.co.uk](http://www.nwmort.co.uk) or 01744 451681

**Sunday 15 December**

**Oxford Bus Museum. Father Christmas visits the Museum.** Free vintage bus rides at 11.30, 12.30 & 14.30. See website for more details. Open 10.30-16.30. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

**Eastleigh Toy & Train Collectors Fair.** Barton Peveril Sixth Form College, Chestnut Avenue SO50 5ZA. 10.00-14.30. Details: 01380 725322, 07958 101891, or [clementsairs@aol.com](mailto:clementsairs@aol.com)

**Friday 27 December**

**Llandudno Toy Fair.** Venue Cymru, The Promenade, Llandudno LL30 1BB. 10.30-15.30. Refreshments. Details: 01492 517004, [vicci.rickettsltf@gmail.com](mailto:vicci.rickettsltf@gmail.com) or [www.llantransfest.co.uk](http://www.llantransfest.co.uk)

**Wednesday 1 January 2020**

**East Anglia Transport Museum. Happy New Year 2020!** 12.00-16.30. A last chance this winter to ride the vintage vehicle fleet. Free bus service to Lowestoft. East Anglia Transport Museum, Chapel Rd, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 8BL. Details: 01502 518459, [admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk](mailto:admin@eatransportmuseum.co.uk) or [www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk](http://www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk)

**Oxford Bus Museum. New Year's Day Running Day.** Visiting buses, see website for more details. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LA. Details: 01296 337622 or [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

**Saturday 4 January 2020**

**25th Annual Bus & Rail Transport Collectors' Fair.** Pudsey Civic Hall, Cote Lane, Pudsey, near Leeds LS28 5TA. 10.00-15.00. Admission £2. Over 100 tables selling transport memorabilia. Details: Barry Rennison 0113 236 3695, [rennison@cc-email.co.uk](mailto:rennison@cc-email.co.uk) or [www.samuelledgardsociety.org.uk](http://www.samuelledgardsociety.org.uk)

**Sunday 12 January / Sunday 9 February 2020**

**South Yorkshire Transport Museum. Open Days.** Unit 9, Waddington Way, Aldwarke, Rotherham S65 3SH. 10.30-16.00. Shop & café open. Free heritage shuttle bus from Rotherham, Greasbrough Road (The Trades), hourly 10.45-14.45. Admission £5, concession £3.50, accompanied u16 free. Details: 07828 068484, [info@sytm.co.uk](mailto:info@sytm.co.uk) or [www.sytm.co.uk](http://www.sytm.co.uk)



Actively visiting the Oxford Bus Museum's 2019 New Year Running Day is former Thames Valley S302 (GFM 882), a 1948 Eastern Coach Works-bodied Bristol L6A new to Crosville as its KB73